

SEK Heat & Air's HVAC Q&A

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Question:

Why should I have my home heating system checked by an HVAC professional?

Answer:

According to Energystar.gov, maintaining your HVAC system results in significant savings.

According to a recent survey of homeowners across the country by Honeywell, Inc., 45% of American homeowners neglect to have their heating-cooling equipment professionally serviced at least once a year.

A poorly functioning system can result in:

- Higher expenses by as much as 15%
- Accelerated equipment wear and increased maintenance costs
- Health risks

Think of it this way: It's not unlike paying for anti-virus computer software each year. You pay a small price to insure that your computer runs smoothly and efficiently, to extend the life of your computer, and to protect your personal information. For a comparable price, professional HVAC maintenance ensures that your heating system runs cost-effectively, it extends the life of your (expensive) equipment, and it keeps your family safe by protecting against carbon monoxide poisoning and providing clean air.

Most homeowners are not trained to spot common dangers that may lead to carbon monoxide poisoning, such as stress spots or cracks in the heat exchanger. Small cracks in a heat exchanger or problems with the flue system could allow deadly carbon monoxide gas to seep into your home. Hundreds of people in the U.S. lose their lives each year in these tragedies.