

5 Important Reasons to Service Your Furnace Right Now

Even though temperatures outside are still relatively mild, now is the perfect time to [have your furnace serviced](#) or “tuned up” by a professional. Early-season servicing can save you a great deal of money and make sure you and your family aren’t left in the cold due to an unexpected problem. Below are the five most important reasons to schedule your service now.

#1 – Prevent an Unexpected Breakdown

A furnace breakdown is most likely to happen during the winter months when it is working hard to keep your home warm. The more your furnace runs, the more it exacerbates even the smallest issues, and the greater the risk of a significant problem that causes your furnace to stop working altogether. If you want to prevent these breakdowns, it’s important to have your furnace serviced early in the season so HVAC techs can find and fix any existing issues. [This maintenance](#) could save you hundreds of dollars later.

#2 – Save Money on Energy Bills

Furnaces can be fickle when it comes to power consumption. Even the smallest issue can result in significantly higher energy consumption, which will drive up your utility bills. The good news is that seasonal maintenance – ideally during the fall months – can ensure that your furnace is running as efficiently as possible. Aside from the servicing, be sure to keep your filters changed according to the manufacturer’s instructions to further reduce energy consumption.

#3 – Keep Your Family Safe

Certain furnace-related issues can be downright dangerous if they aren’t addressed immediately, and in some cases, the only way to know a problem exists is with annual maintenance performed each fall. Your furnace may be silently malfunctioning and allowing [dangerous carbon monoxide gas](#) to enter your home. Schedule your annual furnace maintenance right away and be sure that you install and/or test your carbon monoxide detectors prior to the heating season, too.

#4 – Help Your Furnace Last Longer

Regular furnace maintenance – once each year and ideally in the fall – is the best way to extend its life. Per Carrier, one of the nation’s most trusted and respected furnace manufacturers, the [average furnace will last 20 years](#) with proper maintenance. Failing to care for it can cut that lifespan in half, so be sure that you’re scheduling your furnace service promptly each year and carrying out any recommended repairs immediately.

#5 – Stay Warm All Winter

Finally, your furnace serves one very important purpose – keeping you and your family warm. Without the right service and repairs as needed, it simply cannot do this. If your furnace breaks down unexpectedly, especially during the night, it can cause you and your family a great deal of discomfort. Keeping warm is often as simple as scheduling your annual maintenance prior to the first cold night.

The ability to save money on your energy bills and extend the life of your furnace without worrying about unexpected repairs is nice, but it can’t compare to keeping your family safe while you stay comfortable in your home, even during the coldest winter days. [Schedule your HVAC maintenance](#) now to make sure your furnace is prepared for the cold winter to come.