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"A good name is more desirable than great riches; To be esteemed is better than silver or gold." -- Proverbs 22:1



It's That Time of Year Again

It's time once again for your Fall and Winter Maintenance Tips from Haldeman Mechanical.

Plumbing Tips

- ♦ Remove hoses from frost-free lawn faucets in freezing weather
- ♦ Change water filter cartridges and ultraviolet bulbs
- ♦ Re-bed acid neutralizers and carbon filters
- ♦ Check salt level on water softener

Heating and Cooling Tips (Oil, Gas, Heat Pumps)

- ♦ Clean and service your system, including filter changes, chimney checks and efficiency tests
- ♦ Adjust return vents for heating season (Open bottom register and close top register)
- ♦ Add air quality components, including whole house filters, humidifiers and ultraviolet lights

With energy prices still high and rebates and tax credits still available, it's the perfect time to replace your old heating system. Haldeman Mechanical has qualifying high-efficiency systems that will save you money all winter long. Contact us today and say goodbye to high heating bills this winter!

Rebates and Tax Credits Are Still Available!

It's not too late to get your share of the many rebates and tax credits available on HVAC equipment. Through December 31st, get a 30% credit off your installed cost for qualifying high efficiency HVAC and water heating equipment, up to \$1,500. The credit for geothermal equipment continues through 2016 and is 30% with no rate cap. PPL Electric (www.pplelectric.com/e-power) is offering rebates on the following items installed through May 2011 or until funds run out: programmable thermostats (\$50) and air conditioning and heat pump systems and heat pump water heaters (\$150 to \$400, depending on equipment). Rebates are also available on certain appliances and lighting fixtures. Met-Ed (www.energysavepa-home.com) is offering a

variety of rebates on HVAC equipment and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (www.paheatingrebates.com) is offering rebates on heating equipment. You may also qualify for the Keystone HELP® Energy Efficiency Program which offers low-cost loans for eligible Pennsylvania homeowners purchasing ENERGY STAR® rated and high efficiency heating equipment, air conditioning and air sealing systems, insulation, windows, doors, geothermal systems and whole house improvements. Haldeman Mechanical is an approved contractor for the program. Now is truly the time to upgrade your energy equipment! To find out more about qualifying equipment, contact Haldeman Mechanical today!

Meet Our Employees

Andy Shank Service Technician



The newest member of the Haldeman Mechanical family, Andy has been servicing heating and air conditioning systems for over twenty years. Customers like his forthcoming demeanor, and his desire for them to understand and get the most efficiency and longevity from their systems. Andy lives in Elizabethtown, attends LCBC Church, and is a member and past president of the Elizabethtown Fire Department. He enjoys woodworking, camping, hunting, fishing, and working on cars. He also enjoys time away in Ocean City, MD and the beautiful mountains of Pennsylvania.

Gary Forry Service Technician



Gary has been an installer/service mechanic with the Haldeman Mechanical family for eight years. He is appreciated by fellow workers for his specialty in duct manufacture, and his attention to detail in his work. He resides in Elizabethtown with his wife Michelle and has three sons, Scott, Chad and Thomas, and two grandchildren, Jackson and Chloe. Gary spent six years in the U.S. Army. He attends First Church of God in Elizabethtown, enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, fishing, going to Ocean City, MD, and helping others by donating blood every eight weeks.

Point-of-Use Water Filters

If you are worried about the quality of your family's water or simply prefer bottled water to tap water, point-of-use water filters are an excellent cost-effective solution. Waterfall brand reverse osmosis systems can be installed underneath your sink and will provide purified water directly from your tap by treating your water through three different filters. And the automatic shut-off signals the system to stop making water until more is needed. Whether you have a well or municipal water, a point-of-use filter will remove chlorine, nitrates, bacteria and any other chemicals, ensuring that you and your family are drinking the cleanest water possible.

In addition to providing pure water, reverse osmosis systems also help the environment. Drinking purified water directly from your tap limits the need for bottled water, thereby reducing the amount of waste in our landfills. You pour only the amount of water you want from your tap, eliminating waste. And you don't have to drive to the store, buy water and carry it home!

So if you want to be sure that your family is drinking only the purest water, contact Haldeman Mechanical today and ask about a reverse osmosis system for your home.

HVAC System Replacement

Do you know when it's time to replace your heating and cooling equipment? There are certain guidelines that indicate when it might be time to consider a new system. It may be time to replace your system if:

- ♦ you notice that your energy bills are going up without any additional use
- ♦ your equipment needs to be repaired frequently
- ♦ some rooms in your home seem cooler or hotter than others, indicating your system is not working as efficiently
- ♦ you have humidity problems in your home
- ♦ your heat pump or air conditioning system is more than 10 years old. It may no longer be as efficient as you need it to be. Consider replacing it with an ENERGY STAR® rated system, which can save you up to 20%.
- ♦ your furnace or boiler is more than 15 years old. Consider replacing it with a more high efficient unit which can save you 5% to 15%.

If any of these indicators apply to your heating or air conditioning system, contact Haldeman Mechanical today!

Rheem - Our Quality Partner

Haldeman Mechanical is proud to sell, install and service quality Rheem products. Rheem is a global industry leader in total heating, cooling and water heating solutions. Rheem products include residential and commercial heating systems, cooling systems, conventional storage-style water heaters, tankless water heaters, and solar water heating systems as well as replacement parts and accessories for all categories.



Known for their reliability and their exceptional quality products, Rheem Manufacturing Company was founded in the mid-1920's by brothers Richard and Donald Rheem. After purchasing a galvanizing plant in San Francisco, they began manufacturing water heaters in the 1930's. Throughout the 1940's and 1950's, they expanded their product line to include space heaters, oil furnaces and air conditioners.

Rheem acquired Ruud Manufacturing Company, a pioneer in the water heating industry, in 1959. In the years that followed, Rheem continued to expand by entering the heating and air conditioning market. As the central air conditioning industry

rapidly grew in the 1960's and 1970's, Rheem continued to expand to meet the increased need. Rheem made another acquisition in 1985 when they purchased Raypak, a leading producer of copper tube boilers.

Rheem is vigilant in ensuring that every product they manufacture either meets or exceeds the rigorous industry and regulatory standards for quality, reliability, efficiency, and water and air quality. Through every stage of the manufacturing process, each product is rigorously monitored and measured, thereby ensuring the highest quality, durability and operating excellence. Various government agencies and third-party testing labs also routinely test and certify Rheem products to ensure quality standards.

Haldeman Mechanical has been selling quality Rheem products for nearly 30 years. For more information about Rheem and their products, please visit their website at www.rheem.com. For more information about the Rheem products we sell, contact Haldeman Mechanical today!

Fun Facts

Taken from www.bitoffun.com.

The White House was originally gray, the color of the sandstone it was built out of. After the War of 1812, during which it had been burned by Canadian troops, the outside walls were painted white to hide the smoke stains.

In October 1959 Elizabeth Taylor became the first Hollywood star to receive \$1 million for a single picture, for Cleopatra.

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day in 1863.

In 1947, Toys for Tots started making the holidays a little happier for children by organizing its first Christmas toy drive for needy youngsters.

Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer, was created in 1939, in Chicago, for the Montgomery Ward department stores for a Christmas promotion. The lyrics were written as a poem by Robert May, but weren't set to music until 1947. Gene Autry recorded the hit song in 1949.

Armored knights raised their visors to identify themselves when they rode past their king. This custom has become the modern military salute.

The dollar was established as the official currency of the United States in 1785. The first coin minted in the United States was a silver dollar. It was issued on October 15, 1794.

Though human noses have an impressive 5 million olfactory cells with which to smell, sheepdogs have 220 million, enabling them to smell 44 times better than man.

Aunt Jemima pancake flour, invented in 1889, was the first ready-mix food to be sold commercially.

Disney World in Orlando, Florida covers 30,500 acres (46 square miles), making it twice the size of the island of Manhattan, New York.

An apple tree is at its prime when its about 50 years old. The United States produces about 100 million barrels of apples a year.

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