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HOME COMFORT REPORT

STAY WARM, BUT BE SAFE ABOUT IT.

During the winter, one of the most common causes of fires in the home is fireplaces. There are several things to consider before starting up your next fire. The simplest precaution is to have a professional chimney sweep inspect your chimney every year. They'll not only clean out the chimney, they can also locate and repair any cracks, blockages and leaks that could cause a problem. Never burn anything in your fireplace but seasoned hardwood like oak, ash or maple. Many fires are caused by people who insist on burning charcoal, trash, cardboard or even Christmas tre in their fireplace. That not only increases the risk of an out-of-control fire, it could release dangerous poisons into the air you breathe. Using a sturdy screen or, better yet, a glass door will prevent burning embers from floating out into your living area. Make sure you go one step further by removing any flammable materials on or around your fireplace, too.



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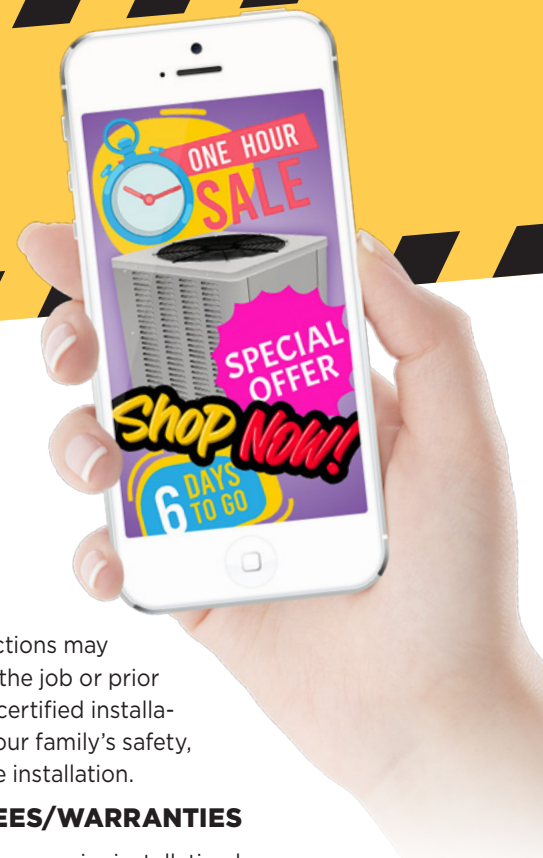
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DANGERS OF BUYING AIR CONDITIONERS & FURNACES ONLINE

Today, virtually everything is available for sale on the Internet. This includes air conditioning and heating components. And while the part prices may seem low, it doesn't give you the whole picture on the costs or complications of installing a new system. Likewise, you might be able to perform your own brain surgery and save money, but that doesn't mean it would be a good idea!



PROPER SIZING OF YOUR SYSTEM IS CRITICAL.

At Del's Heating & Air Conditioning, we use a number of sophisticated tools, systems and measurements to make sure you have exactly the right system for your home. An oversized system will turn on and off too frequently, called "short cycling", losing you both efficiency and the ability to properly dehumidify your home. The result? Higher utility bills and a less comfortable home. An undersized unit will run too often, and on the hottest days of the year may not be able to adequately cool the home. It is very difficult, if not impossible, to properly size your system without the proper tools, training and experience. Let one of our factory-trained Comfort Advisors recommend the perfect system for your home with our no-charge no-obligation Energy Savings estimate.

CERTIFIED INSTALLATION

Air conditioning and heating equipment takes experience and the proper tools to ensure safe and proper functioning. That's why all installation technicians at Del's are NATE (North American Technician Excellence) certified. This means they have earned the highest standards of professionalism in the industry. The EPA has also trained our technicians, because the final start-up on all cooling systems requires an EPA certification to properly handle the refrigerant. For a proper installation, ducts need to be properly connected and sealed, and electrical connections made by a qualified professional. Local codes may require a permit by a licensed contractor before installation, and in some places it is illegal to install or repair your own HVAC system

without a license. Inspections may also be required during the job or prior to final startup. Proper, certified installation also helps ensure your family's safety, especially with a furnace installation.

NO GUARANTEES/WARRANTIES

Virtually all manufacturers require installation by an authorized dealer to validate their warranty. While some Internet companies promise to cover the warranty themselves, what is your recourse if you have a problem? Can you really trust an unseen company to back up any problems for the next 10 years? Who would they get to make any warranty repairs, and who would pay for the labor? At Del's Heating & Air Conditioning we've been servicing the area since 2007, and will proudly continue to give our customers the best products at reasonable and affordable prices, delivered with the best service available.

THE BOTTOM LINE?

Your HVAC (Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning) system is not a "box" you can plug in - it is an engineered system that must be properly designed and installed. Unfortunately, most homeowners who try and do-it-themselves end up paying more than if they bought the equipment and installation through a reputable dealer. It could cost you dearly to straighten out an improperly installed system, especially if damage has already occurred to the components.

Chocolate Peanut Butter No-Bake Dessert

INGREDIENTS:

- 20 Oreo cookies, divided
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar, divided
- 1 carton (16 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed, divided
- 15-20 miniature peanut butter cups, chopped
- 1 cup cold milk
- 1 package (3.9 ounces) instant chocolate pudding mix

PREPARATION:

Crush 16 cookies; toss with the butter. Press into an ungreased 9-inch square dish; set aside. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, peanut butter and 1 cup confectioners' sugar until smooth. Fold in half of the whipped topping. Spread over crust. Sprinkle with chopped peanut butter cups. In another large bowl, beat the milk, pudding mix and remaining confectioners' sugar on low speed for 2 minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set. Fold in remaining whipped topping. Spread over peanut butter cups. Crush remaining cookies; sprinkle over the top. Cover and chill for at least 3 hours.



Why Fall HVAC Preventive Maintenance is Important

Fall is the best time to have a professional service your heating system for a couple of reasons. The first reason is that if you have your system checked before it's time to start using it, you can be sure that it will be ready to go when you need it.

The next reason is that heating contractors tend to be very busy during the winter, which can make it more difficult to get an appointment that works for your schedule. The specific items and tasks for a heating maintenance checklist will vary somewhat, depending on the kind of system you have. However, many of them apply to just about any type of unit.

Professional heating maintenance includes things like: inspecting the wiring, tightening loose connections, and checking the voltage and amperage; checking and calibrating the thermostat, which helps to ensure optimal performance and efficiency; securing all paneling, lubricating motors and bearings, and inspecting the belts and pulleys; checking ductwork for leaks, replacing the air filter, and testing the system's performance.

Systems that burn gas or oil, like furnaces and boilers, will also need to have the fuel lines, pilot light, burners, heat exchanger and flue pipe all checked. Problems with any of these components can lead to unhealthy or dangerous living conditions.

To find out more about our preventive HVAC maintenance plans and services, call us today.

Replacing an Aging HVAC System? Here's What You Should Consider

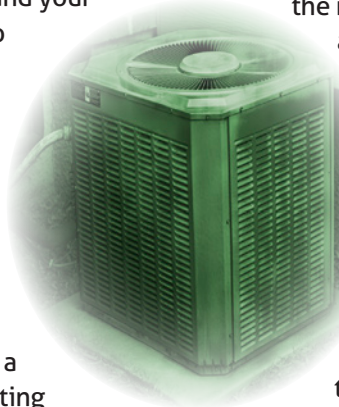
While the cost of replacing an HVAC system can be considerable, there are plenty of benefits to doing so. First of all, having a new heater or air conditioner installed allows you the opportunity to get the kind of system that works best for you and your home. Take some time to research and evaluate all of your options so that you can make an informed decision.

There are quite a few different types of cooling systems to choose from, many of which are available with a variety of options. Selecting the right system will help to ensure that you and your family enjoy optimal comfort inside your home, regardless of outside temperatures. Ductless units and home zoning systems

provide the means to maintain different temperatures throughout the house.

These systems make it so that everyone in the household can set the temperature to their liking without affecting the comfort of the person in the next room. Ductless units and home zoning systems also improve energy efficiency, since you don't have to waste power to heat or cool rooms that aren't being used. A couple more options that can help to maximize comfort and efficiency are smart thermostats and variable speed compressors.

If you'd like a consultation in deciding what's best for you and your home, give us a call. We're happy to help in any way.



PAY ATTENTION TO EFFICIENCY RATINGS

To earn an Energy Star rating, furnaces must be more efficient than standard units, with annual fuel utilization efficiency ratings, or AFUE, of 85% for oil furnaces and 90% for gas furnaces.



The Energy Star seal of approval alone isn't enough to garner the Federal tax credit. Credit-eligible gas furnaces (either natural gas or propane) must have AFUE ratings of 95% or greater; oil furnaces, 90%. A boiler must have an AFUE of 90%. Heating by burning a fuel is not completely efficient. That's why Del's high-efficiency furnaces have components that are better designed to get more heat out of the combustion process. Split systems must have a SEER rating of at least 16 and an SEER rating of at least 13. The higher the rating, the more energy-efficient the unit. Consult Del's Heating & Air Conditioning as your experienced partner to help you calculate the size of the equipment needed for your home.



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