

Fall furnace checkup

As fall arrives, it's time to consider what needs to be done around the house before winter sets in. Getting your furnace checked should be at the top of that list. If you aren't scheduled for a maintenance checkup already, do it as soon as possible. Putting off preventive maintenance is always a mistake.

Making sure your furnace is ready to do its job during the colder months means you're less likely to wake up cold one morning. It also means that your furnace will probably last longer and that you'll save money on heat in the long run.

Furnace inspections generally include...

- Checking for cracks in the heat exchanger
- Checking and/or changing the filter
- Checking the vent piping
- Checking the electronic ignition
- Performing a CO₂ test
- Making burner adjustments
- Measuring manifold gas pressure
- Checking the fan and lubricating the fan motor
- Checking the draft diverter and pilot thermocouple.

Our technicians are prepared to check all of these items and more while we make sure that your furnace is ready to take you comfortably through the cold months ahead. We also have the expertise and experience to repair your furnace quickly when something goes wrong. Call us first for maintenance and repairs. Keeping you comfortable all year long is our number-one priority.

Congratulations to our new journeyman, Tim Rothwell!

After four years of hard work, **Joseph Frederick & Sons** employee **Tim Rothwell** has graduated from the plumbing apprenticeship program of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC).

To earn his journeyman papers, Tim worked full-time under plumbing supervisor Ric Sheehan and completed hundreds of hours of classroom training each year for the past four years. He also was required to pass a written examination and skills test. Having completed this rigorous training, Tim is now a full plumbing mechanic.



Tim Rothwell

Tim entered the PHCC apprenticeship program after graduating from Elkton High School in 2007. Contrary to popular belief, most trade apprentices don't graduate from vocational-technical ("vo-tech") high schools, said Brian Frederick, president of Joseph Frederick & Sons.

"We're looking for the kid who takes Mom and Dad's sweeper apart and fixes it. That's the kid who needs to have the end result of seeing something broken and fixing it," Brian said.

Skilled tradesmen—plumbers, electricians, and heating and cooling experts—are in high demand, as more and more people choose to attend college rather than seek service careers. Meanwhile, demand for plumbing, electrical, and heating and cooling service continues to increase.

"It's hard to find people who are qualified and really want to work," Brian said. "We are proud to have someone as dedicated and talented as Tim as part of our team."

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