**The Importance of Furnace Maintenance**

Furnace maintenance is recommended on a yearly basis, and here in Cypress, fall is the ideal time of year to do this. Like air conditioner maintenance in the spring, your heater also requires maintenance to ensure proper functioning and efficiency, and to prevent an inconvenient mid-winter break down!

What is that “burning” smell? When you turn your thermostat up for the first time this season, you may notice a “burning” or “burnt dust” smell. This is normal, and the smell should subside fairly quickly. If the smell does not go away within a reasonable amount of time, this could mean your ducts need to be cleaned of excessive dust and debris. Having our professionals clean and inspect your HVAC system can help your furnace operate more efficiently, and help identify defective, damaged, or other parts that may need to be repaired or replaced.

Should I worry about Carbon Monoxide? This is also a common concern for homeowners. Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is produced by most gas furnaces. Though these small quantities are usually blown out via ventilation process, cracks and leaks in your system can lead to higher Carbon Monoxide levels in your home, which can be extremely dangerous.

A furnace that is not running properly will not only cost you more in the long run, but it can also be a health hazard. A safety check can help identify damaged and defective equipment, and other potential problems.

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