7 TIPS TO HEAT YOUR HOME

*Here are some simple tips to help you “Heat your Home” this winter*

- **Close the door**
  Keep the cold at bay by limiting the amount of time exterior doors are left open.

- **Use the sun’s heat**
  Let the sun help you keep your home warm. During daylight hours, open the drapes and blinds of South facing windows to take advantage of passive “solar heat gain” in your home.

- **Use ceiling fans year-round**
  Don’t forget that your ceiling fans can help circulate the rising warm air in a room during Winter. To do this the fan should be spinning clockwise when you look up at it from the ground.

- **Don’t forget the maintenance**
  Take some pressure off your forced air furnace by changing the return air filter regularly. This will help it work more efficiently and last longer too.

- **Seal the envelope of your home**
  Stop those chilly drafts by sealing any cracks and gaps around exterior doors and windows with caulk or expanding foam sealant.

- **Schedule a seasonal inspection**
  Before the weather turns cold, have a professional HVAC technician inspect your furnace to perform a seasonal maintenance check to ensure that the system is running efficiently and ready keep you warm all winter.

- **Upgrade your system**
  If your aging furnace is killing your utility bill and isn’t keeping you warm, it may be time to consider an upgrade to a variable speed heat pump. Heat pumps are an extremely energy efficient way to both heat and cool your home year-round with a single system.