

Spring is just around the corner...

Bre-Cole Heating & Air Conditioning NEWSLETTER

It is time to have your air conditioning system serviced and cleaned.

You could be making a costly mistake if you only think about air conditioning serviced when something goes wrong with your system. Like any mechanical system, your air conditioning system works best with regular, proper care and maintenance. A well maintained cooling system is more efficient, performs better over time, and is more dependable.

Having routine maintenance done by a trained technician can pay off over time. The many benefits of having preventative maintenance done on your air conditioning system includes:

- Improved system performance
- Reduced energy costs
- Extended equipment life
- Helps to prevent costly repairs
- Better system safety

In addition to helping your system operate at top efficiency, having a trained air conditioning technician service your system can give you peace of mind. Your air conditioning system is a valuable component of your home or office, and with the help of your technician you'll know that you have done everything possible to guard your investment.

One of the most important items to check on your system is the coolant level (commonly known as Freon). This can only be done by a trained technician. You could be wasting up to 20% on your energy bill with your system only being slightly low on coolant.

In addition to yearly maintenance, there are some other things that you can do to help ensure a high level of comfort and proper system operation. First, purchase good filters and change them regularly. Next, keep bushes and other materials away from the outside unit of your air conditioner. Another good idea is to avoid closing supply registers in your home and office. In almost all cases, closing supply registers is harmful to the operation of the overall system.

Don't wait until you need your air conditioning system to think about it, and don't leave your system's performance to chance. Protect your air conditioning system, your home or office, and your budget with regular, preventative maintenance. Call us today to let us help you protect your investment by scheduling an air conditioning service and clean.

Carbon Monoxide: "The Invisible Killer"

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless and toxic gas. Because it is impossible to see, taste or smell the toxic fumes, CO can kill you before you are aware it is in your home. At lower levels of exposure, CO poisoning can be mistaken for the flu. These symptoms include headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. While awake, these symptoms are easy to spot, but we are in more danger while we are sleeping. CO puts us into a deeper sleep and makes us unable to respond and escape.

Even with the two (2) year anniversary of Amanda's Law, www.amandaslaw.org, here upon us, we are still finding homes with non-working CO detectors and some homes with no detectors at all. Carbon Monoxide poisoning is a real problem these days. With construction standards tightening up homes and more people spending so much time in the home and not outside we are more susceptible to CO than ever before.

Where does CO come from?
CO is a product of incomplete combustion. Any fuel-burning device can produce dangerous levels of CO gas. Examples of common devices that may produce CO include:

- Fuel-fired furnaces (not electric)
- Gas water heaters
- Gas stoves
- Fireplaces and wood stoves
- Non-electric space heaters
- Gas dryers
- Charcoal grills
- Lawnmowers, snow blowers, etc.



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- Automobiles
- Gas powered generators
- Never run a gas powered generator in a garage, basement, or near any overhang on the home. Keep it at a distance.

What can be done to prevent CO poisoning?

- Make sure appliances are installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and by professionals.
- Have heating systems inspected and serviced at least once a year.
- Make sure chimneys and vents are checked for blockages, corrosion, and loose connections.
- Open flues completely when fireplaces are in use.
- Use proper fuel in space heaters.
- Never burn charcoal or a barbecue grill inside a home or enclosed space.
- Never use portable fuel-burning camping equipment inside a home, garage, vehicle, or tent.
- Never leave a car, mower, or other such item running in an attached garage, even with the garage door open.
- Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in any room where people are sleeping.
- Never use the kitchen range for heating a house.
- Place the CO alarm about 15 feet away from fuel-burning appliances.
- Make sure nothing is covering or obstructing the alarm.
- Do not place the alarm in dead air space or next to a window or door.
- Test the CO alarm once a month by pressing the test/reset button.
- Every month, vacuum with soft brush attachment or wipe with a clean, dry cloth to remove dust.
- CO alarms should be replaced about every 2-5 years depending on the CO alarm.
- Batteries should be replaced every 6 months whether the batteries are still good or not.

Every home should have at least one CO alarm near the sleeping area. Additional alarms should be located on each level of your home for maximum safety.

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Did you know....

Carbon Monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the United States. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Each year, approximately 200 people in New York State are hospitalized because of accidental CO poisoning. Many more people are treated for CO exposure in emergency rooms without further hospital care. (NYS Health Department)

Nationally, accidental CO poisoning kills 400 people and injures another 20,000 each year. (Centers for Disease Control)