

VINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S HOUSING PROGRAM

“CHANGING FURNACE FILTERS”

Changing your furnace filters regularly is extremely important in keeping the air in your home healthy, fresh and safe. However during the winter months when you are inside more often, it's even more important to inspect & change your furnace filter every few weeks.

- **DID YOU KNOW?** As your filter collects various bits of dust, pet dander, pollen, etc., it starts to get clogged. Over time, the clog can build up and make it much more difficult for air to pass through. This causes the blower to work much harder to force warm air in to your home, increasing your energy bill and eventually causing the blower motor to overheat and burn out as well as the failure of the numerous safety switches.
- **DID YOU KNOW?** The majority of furnace service calls are directly related to a restricted air flow condition caused by neglecting the furnace filter.
- **DID YOU KNOW?** The reduction in airflow means it will take longer to heat your home. If the filters get too stopped up and your airflow gets too bad, there's a chance many rooms further away from the HVAC system won't get any warm air at all! Essentially, this means higher heating costs to you.
- **DID YOU KNOW?** That if you don't replace your filter often enough, anyone living in your home with asthma, allergies or other respiratory problems may find their symptoms aggravated when the air is not effectively cleansed.
- **DID YOU KNOW?** Changing your furnace filters regularly is the best thing you can do to ensure proper furnace operation all winter long. Filters work to clean debris and dust from the air, resulting in better indoor air quality and can prolong the life span of your new furnace.
- **TIP!** Write the date on the filter when you install it so you can easily do an inspection in the weeks ahead.
- **TIP!** Most filters have arrows on them (air flow indicators) Install the filter with the arrow pointing towards the furnace.

A furnace filter is one the cheapest things a homeowner or tenant can buy that can not only make their air safe and comfortable but can help protect your furnace while allowing it to work more effectively and efficiently, which could save you a great deal of money.

Protect your families breathing air and your furnace....don't neglect your furnace filter!