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HOLIDAY HEATING TIPS

Forest Lake, November 20, 2008, Many people use their mechanical room to hide Christmas presents and store holiday decorations. However it is good time to consider cleaning that space out. Keeping items close to your furnace, especially flammable items can create a dangerous situation. Howell Heating recommends the following heating safety tips that will help keep your Christmas decorations, gifts, and more importantly, your family safe.

- The furnace area should be kept clear (1 foot on the sides and back, 2 to 3 feet in the front)
- If your furnace exhausts in a metal pipe, make sure that nothing is touching that pipe
- Keep the top of your water heater clear of objects and dust
- Do not block a furnace that uses indoor air for combustion (it could cause high levels of carbon monoxide)
- Clean or replace your furnace filter every month
- Install a carbon monoxide detector or check the batteries on the one you have

Today's furnaces have safety features which shut the furnace down if the system is not working properly. Zack at Howell Heating advises, "If your furnace keeps turning off, it may be telling you that you have a potential safety issue. Don't just keep restarting it, hoping it will keep working." If you have questions or are having problems, Howell Heating recommends you call a professional.

If you haven't already, schedule a furnace inspection/cleaning to make sure everything is running properly and safely. With the holidays quickly approaching, the last thing you want is a heating problem.

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