

ASK THE EXPERT:

**Attention all readers!!!! If you have a plumbing or heating question, please call our office! We may use your question in the paper! **

Q Not sure that this is much of a question, but I'm looking for some advice and hoping you can help. Our furnace is working fine and is only about 3 years old. I just want to know why we have so much static electricity? We can often see little sparks when walking in socks, taking off sweaters, and just touching things or each other. They actually hurt. Our house is only 11 years old and the furnace is only 3 years old. What can be done?

- From, Kim and Jeff of Racine.

A Well timed and great question. The most common cause of static electricity is dry air. It is that simple. The dryness in the air during winter months can be miserable and, in your case, painful. A lack of humidity in your home (of any age) can lead to issues with wood furniture and flooring as well as causing health issues. Cold weather just means your furnace runs more and then that additional heat creates more static electricity. That's when we recommend investing in a quality humidifier for your home. This can protect you from all of those concerns. These are worth the money and there are a few different options and price points. Please call us soon and we can help you find what would work best for you and before those sparks start a fire! We are your one stop shop! HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of us here at Building Waters!



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