

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! ****

"My furnace has started blowing cold air". "My thermostat is set at 74, but I can't get the temp in my house above 68". "Our furnace suddenly stopped working - we need someone out immediately." We have literally gotten hundreds of these exact questions over the last couple of weeks. MANY of them are resolved easily and don't always require us coming out and homeowners spending hundreds of dollars. Here again is our best advice to avoid costly furnace repairs. **#1 - CHANGE YOUR FILTER!** We have gone to MANY homes and pulled out extremely clogged dirty filters and replaced them, and the furnace literally clicks on and works again as soon as we do. **#2 -** If temps outside are below freezing, your furnace may not be able to reach your desired or normal temp. Be reasonable. Industry standard would suggest 68-70 at the highest during extreme cold. And don't expect the furnace to warm up multiple degrees quickly. We would suggest adjusting the temps by 1-2 degrees at most. **#3 -** Make sure your thermostat is set to "HEAT", not COOL. If the fan is set to ON instead of AUTO, it will blow air continuously regardless of temperature. When the furnace is not running, the air coming out will be cool. **#4 -** Call us to come out and do an ANNUAL clean and check of your furnace in the fall. Much cheaper and easier to do when not a crisis. I know these may seem redundant to many of you, but we can't emphasize enough how easy it CAN BE to prevent furnace problems that require a service visit - especially on OT. We are your one stop shop.

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