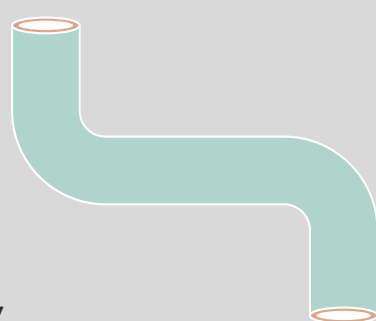


PREPARING YOUR WATER HEATER FOR THE WINTER

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Check The Pipe Insulation

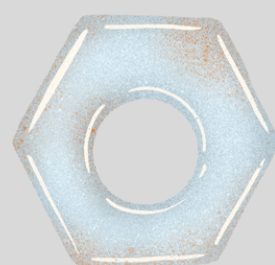
Checking the insulation of your pipes is important, especially if they are located in an unheated part of your house. If your pipe sleeves are not in good condition, make sure to purchase new ones.



2

Look For Rust Or Corrosion

While not always visible immediately, rust or corrosion can predict problems with your water heater in the future. If you happen to have found rust on your water heater, call an HVAC tech right away, so they can decide whether to complete a tank flush, or if your system needs to be entirely replaced.



3

Consider Installing Tank Wraps

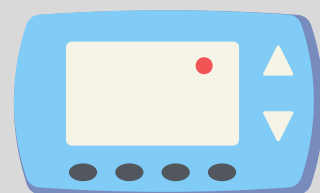
Did you know that an "at-rest" -- or not in use -- water heater can lose heat, potentially causing it to fire and consume gas even if no one is using hot water? Did you know that older, less insulated tanks with poor energy ratings are more susceptible to this... and could be increasing your gas and energy consumption? Installing a tank wrap on your gas fired water heater can help with this problem. To avoid creating unsafe conditions with the appliance, it is advised to have a certified gas fitter consult on, and possibly even perform, the installation.



4

Test Water Heater Temperature

To check that your water heater is working at its most optimal efficiency, turn the hot water on at the farthest faucet and use a thermostat to check the temperature. 120 degrees Fahrenheit is the perfect energy saving temperature.



5

Check The Pressure Relief Valve

All water heaters are equipped with a device called a temperature and pressure relief valve which is typically installed on the side of the water heater. Its primary purpose is to relieve pressure in the event that the water heater becomes overheated. You should periodically perform a visual check of this device for seeping or leaking. If you detect any abnormalities, call an HVAC expert ASAP as this could indicate a deeper and more serious issue with your water heater that could result in property damage or physical harm to the occupants of the home.



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