



## ***TIP OF THE MONTH***

### Check Your Heat Source!

Below are a few tips to help you get the most out of the money you spend on heating costs.

- **Keep them clean.** Dust and dirt can clog an air vent not allowing the warm air to flow through. Remove the grate and clean it and check that opening is clear. Radiators should also be cleaned.
- **Change the air filter.** Forced air furnaces have air filters that need to be replaced often. Most recommendations are for every 3 months.
- **Keep it clear of clutter.** Putting a large chair in front of the heat source will block the air from flowing out into the room. Furniture, shelves, toys, and plants, are all examples of things that can keep the heat from flowing out into the room.
- **Close off un-used sources.** Do you have a room that is not being used? Consider closing the vent or turning off the radiator in that room. However, be sure there are not water pipes that could freeze if you do this.
- **Reflect the heat.** Putting reflective foil behind a radiator, can reflect more of the heat out into the room. Simply take a thin board and cover it with tin foil and place it behind the radiator.
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