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 FAMILY TO YOURS

## Upgrade Your Comfort this Spring

Spring is a beautiful season marked by change and growth. It's the time of year when we see the world around us emerge from the cold days of winter and blossom into spring! It's also a perfect time to assess your home's comfort equipment. Outdated heating and cooling equipment is inefficient and energy-hungry. While annual tune-ups can help improve your efficiency, equipment that is 10 years or older is more prone to breakdowns and can put a damper on your family's home comfort.

Your home comfort and satisfaction are our top priorities, no matter the season. We've filled this issue of Maximum Comfort News with tips, hints and recommendations to keep you safe and comfortable all year long, including:

- Your Safety Is Everything to Us
- Avoid the Next Power Outage with a Backup Generator
- Is Your Home Ready for Summer?
- Budget Your Energy Costs for Next Year!
- And so much more!

We are grateful to our loyal customers for another year of business. Harris Comfort is always here to help. Visit us at [harriscomfort.com](http://harriscomfort.com) or give us a call at (215) 968-7477 if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

*David M. Harris*

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 President



## Budget Your Energy Costs for Next Year!

Your heating costs are highest from November to February, during the holidays when there are other significant expenses. To help you stay comfortable in your home and manage your finances year-round, Harris Comfort designed a Budget Plan with you in mind.

While oil prices continue to fluctuate, our budget plans provide you with a sense of security and stability. We calculate your budget based on your past usage and the anticipated cost of fuel, and then divide that into consistent monthly payments. This way, you can easily work this plan into your household budget.

As a budget plan customer, you will be enrolled in our Automatic Delivery and AutoPay programs. Say goodbye to checking fuel levels, calling for deliveries, or having to remember to make a payment. With our budget plan, we take care of it all.

Enrolling in our budget plan helps you manage your finances better, knowing you'll get the same fuel bill every month. To find out more about our budget plans, visit [harriscomfort.com/services/budget-plan](http://harriscomfort.com/services/budget-plan) or call (215) 968-7477. Stay comfortable with Harris Comfort!

## Stay Connected with Our Customer Portal

Do you have an account on our customer portal? With our customer portal, you can pay bills, schedule deliveries and service, participate in our Rewards program, and more! With your account history accessible on the portal, you can say goodbye to all those papers, and hello to the convenience of our online portal. **If you have an account, please make sure to keep the**

**information up-to-date, so we may contact you to confirm and follow up on appointments and to reach you in an emergency!**

If you haven't created your portal account, what are you waiting for? It's a breeze to create, and it makes it easier to manage your account. Visit [harriscomfort.com/my-account](http://harriscomfort.com/my-account) to set up or edit your account today and access everything you need at your fingertips.



# Make Your Summer a Breeze with an Air Conditioning Tune-Up!

As you were enjoying hot chocolate in your warm and cozy home, your air conditioning system was patiently waiting for the seasons to change. While it may not seem like it just yet, the summer weather is right around the corner, and the best way to prepare for the heat tomorrow is by scheduling your air conditioning tune-up today!

Air conditioning tune-ups help prepare your cooling system in a variety of ways. By thoroughly testing and cleaning your equipment, our technicians will be able to improve efficiency and catch minor issues before they lead to costly ones.

Your air conditioner works hard to provide you with crisp, cool air in the summer. Return the favor by scheduling a tune-up and receive these benefits:



- **Improved Equipment Lifespan:** Annual maintenance tune-ups keep your cooling equipment operating in tip-top shape to help extend its longevity.
- **Reduced Energy Bills:** An air conditioning tune-up will help your system operate more efficiently. It will require less power to provide exceptional comfort and help lower your monthly utility bills.
- **Increased Home Comfort:** Inefficient or broken air conditioning equipment can provide reduced comfort and uneven cooling throughout your home. A tune-up will help keep your equipment humming all summer long.
- **Peace of Mind:** You will be able to better enjoy your spring and summer knowing that your air conditioner has been tested, cleaned, and repaired by our qualified technicians.

**Don't wait until the summer sun has begun to heat things up! Contact us to schedule your tune-up today so you can enjoy a better tomorrow.**

## MEMORIAL DAY: A Time to Honor the Heros We've Lost

On May 27, we remember and honor the brave men and women who gave all to protect our freedoms. May their spirits live on in the hearts and minds of all Americans.

Join us in saying thank you to the families and friends they left behind.







# Is Your Home Ready for Summer?

Now that spring is here, we can all look forward to putting our heating systems into hibernation. It won't be long before we hear the cooling hum of our air conditioners. But, before we jump headfirst into the summer season, now is the time to get your home ready for the heat!

To help get you and your home prepared for summer, we've come up with three different areas to focus on.



## Equipment Maintenance:

Our air conditioning systems work hard to keep us cool all summer. The best way to prepare your system for the warm weather is by getting it prepared today. Here are 6 tips to get your cooling equipment ready for summer:

1. Schedule an air conditioning tune-up
2. Upgrade outdated or broken cooling equipment
3. Clean your air filters regularly
4. Check your home's insulation
5. Install programmable thermostats
6. Inspect your ducts and vents



## Energy Conservation:

Practicing energy conservation will help reduce your carbon emissions and lower your annual energy costs. Here are 6 summer conservation tips to help you save money this summer:

1. Change the direction of your ceiling fans to spin in a counterclockwise direction
2. Keep your blinds and window coverings drawn during the day to prevent heat gain
3. Seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home
4. Cook outside whenever possible
5. Change or clean your air conditioning filter monthly during cooling season to improve its air flow and efficiency
6. Try using energy in the early morning or late evening to avoid higher rates



## Summer Safety Tips:

Your safety is the most important thing to us. Keep these safety tips in mind to protect you and your home while you enjoy the sunny weather.

1. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
2. Have your indoor air quality tested
3. Use grills with caution and never indoors
4. Clean your air ducts to improve indoor air quality
5. Make sure your outlets are covered when not in use
6. Keep 10 feet of space between an outdoor firepit and your home or anything that can burn

***Follow our tips and tricks to help prepare for the summer season. For more information on the benefits of scheduling your air conditioning tune-up, read our article on page 2.***

# Your Safety Is Everything to Us

Nothing is more important than the safety of every customer we service. That is why we want to take this time to remind you to check the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors around your home. These important pieces of safety equipment help save lives every single day. Please make sure that yours are in proper working condition to protect you and your loved ones.

If you use natural gas or propane in your home, whether for a fireplace or to heat your whole home, it is important to know what to do in case of a leak. Since both natural gas and propane are colorless and odorless gases, a chemical is added for safety. This is what gives the gas that rotten egg-like smell.



## **Do you smell gas? Here's what to do next:**

- Don't light any matches or flames
- Do not turn on or off any lights or appliances
- Do not use the phone or cell phones inside the house
- Leave the area immediately
- Shut off the main gas supply if it is safe to do so
- Do not return to the home or area until your system has been inspected by our service technicians
- Call us to report the leak or dial 911
- Have your system inspected



## **Check Your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

Homes are required to have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for a simple reason: they save lives! Remember to periodically check the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors and test them to make sure they are working properly. You should have detectors installed on every floor of your home and each bedroom.



***There is no such thing as being too prepared when it comes to your safety at home. Please share these safety tips with your family so everyone understands what to do in the event of a gas leak.***



# WE ARE HIRING!

Please share the news – We're hiring! If you are a hardworking individual looking to join a reliable company that you can grow with for years to come, we would love to hear from you! We are always on the lookout for dependable technicians, drivers, and service representatives to join our family!







## Avoid the Next Power Outage with a Whole Home Backup Generator

It doesn't matter if it's winter, spring, summer, or fall, a power failure can strike when we least expect it. The best way to keep the lights on and your family safe the next time the power goes out is to install a whole home backup generator!

A reliable backup generator from Generac will keep your comfort systems and other appliances running during a power outage. Powered by your choice of propane or natural gas, the generator is directly connected to your electrical system, and will automatically power your household or select appliances within seconds of sensing an outage. You can keep the lights on, your phone charged, the kids entertained, and more with the power of a backup generator.

### Benefits of a Backup Generator:

- Keeps your food from spoiling by powering your refrigerator
- Maintains a comfortable temperature in your home by powering home comfort systems
- Powers your home security system
- Allows you to stay connected via Wi-Fi
- Protects your appliances from a surge
- ... and more!

There is so much a generator can do, and we want to help you find the best one for your electrical needs. That's why we offer a wide range of sizes and price points. Your generator will be there for you any time there is an outage. Trust Harris Comfort to keep your lights on for you.

Contact us today to find out more, or visit [harriscomfort.com/products/generators](http://harriscomfort.com/products/generators).

## Stir Things Up With Some Spring Vegetable Stew

We all know that Spring weather can be about as predictable as winning lottery numbers, but it makes for a good season to make different dishes! This Spring Vegetable Stew is the perfect dish to eat for whatever weather Mother Nature decides to throw your way.

### Ingredients:

- 1/4 pound thin white asparagus, cut into 1-inch lengths
- 1 cup shelled fresh cranberry beans (4 ounces or 1 pound in the pod)
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 20 thin scallions, white and pale green parts only
- 1/4 pound Hon Shimeji or beech mushrooms (available at Asian or specialty food markets)
- Salt
- 6 white turnips, about 2 inches in diameter, peeled and cut into wedges
- 2 medium carrots, cut into 1-inch-long sticks



- 2 1/4 cups vegetable stock
- One 6-ounce zucchini, halved lengthwise and sliced crosswise 1/4 inch thick
- 1/2 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- One romaine heart, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons crème fraîche
- 1 tablespoon small chervil leaves
- 1 tablespoon minced chives

### Directions:

1. In a medium pot of simmering salted water, cook the asparagus over moderately high heat until tender, about 4 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the asparagus to a bowl. Add the cranberry beans to the water and simmer over moderate heat until tender, about 40 minutes. Drain the beans and transfer to the bowl.
2. Meanwhile, in a medium enameled, cast-iron casserole, heat 1/2 tablespoon of the olive oil. Add the scallions and cook over moderate heat until barely tender, about 1 minute. Transfer the scallions to the bowl with the asparagus. Add another 1/2 tablespoon of the olive oil to the casserole. Add the mushrooms, season with salt, cover and cook over moderate heat, stirring a few times, until lightly browned and tender, about 3 minutes. Transfer the mushrooms to the bowl.
3. Heat the remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil in the casserole. Add the turnips and carrots, season with salt and cook over moderate heat for 1 minute. Add 1 cup of the stock, cover and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, for 15 minutes. Add another 1/2 cup of the stock, cover and cook until the turnips and carrots are tender, about 10 minutes longer. Add the zucchini and 1/2 cup of the stock and simmer until the zucchini is just tender, about 4 minutes. Add the remaining 1/4 cup of stock to the casserole along with the lemon zest, lemon juice and lettuce and cook, stirring, until the lettuce just wilts, about 20 seconds. Stir in the crème fraîche.
4. Add the asparagus, beans, scallions and mushrooms to the stew. Simmer briefly, until heated through, about 30 seconds. Add the chervil and chives and serve the stew in bowls.

Recipe courtesy of: <https://www.foodandwine.com/recipes/spring-vegetable-stew>

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## Old Air Conditioner? Go Ductless!

Are you still dragging your window air conditioning units up and down stairs every year? Window air conditioners are inefficient and heavy to lift, and any outdated air conditioner is going to cost you extra money on utility bills every year due to its low energy efficiency rating. As your full-service home comfort company, we have seen firsthand the benefits of upgrading to ductless mini-split systems. The comfort, convenience, and energy savings are unmatched! Here's why you should switch this spring:

- **High efficiency ratings:** Ductless mini-split systems use less energy to cool your home than window units or central air conditioning systems.
- **Room-by-room control:** With a ductless air conditioner, units can be installed in every room, so the temperature is always "just right." You're also not wasting energy on cooling unoccupied rooms!
- **Easy installation:** These units can be installed in almost any home. They also work for homes with central air, to control areas that aren't connected to the ducted central system, such as attics, basements, and garages.



- **Dual functionality:** These units aren't just for air conditioning – they can also heat your home when the temperatures start to drop! You'll be able to transition easily from the cooling season to the heating season.

Interested in switching to a ductless mini-split unit or upgrading an older model? Visit us at [harriscomfort.com](http://harriscomfort.com) or contact us to learn more about the units we offer. Say goodbye to your bulky window air conditioning unit and go ductless today!

