Fall Furnace Checkup - What Is The Contractor Doing?

It’s time to have your heating contractor do a fall inspection of your heating unit. Some of the things the contractor will inspect during the visit are:

- Checks controls - pilot/ignition system, high limit and pressure switches.

- Inspects and cleans gas burners, remove loose rust, scale, dirt and lint; checks for proper gas input, air adjustment and proper combustion. Inspects electric heating elements for proper operation.

- Checks for corrosion and visible deterioration of the heat exchanger; checks for proper flue draft and for carbon monoxide level.

- Checks area around the heating equipment for sufficient combustion and ventilation air to ensure clean, efficient and safe operation.

- Checks thermostat.

- Checks fan or pump controls for proper setting and operation.

- Lubricates bearings, if appropriate.

- If equipment has a drive belt, checks condition and tension.

- Checks for accumulated dirt from fan (if removal of the housing is necessary, there may be an additional charge).

- Lubricates blower motor bearings, if appropriate.

- Cleans accumulated dirt from ventilation openings of motor.

- Inspects filters.