Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air Shares Seasonal Home Comfort Guidance for Upstate Homeowners

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As the Upstate transitions from warm afternoons to cool evenings, Simpsonville homeowners are facing the annual challenge of keeping indoor temperatures steady around the clock. Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air is offering timely guidance to help residents prepare their heating, plumbing, and air quality systems for the shift in weather.

The seasonal swing between warm days and chilly nights places new demands on home systems that have been idle through the summer. Heating equipment that has not run in months may need attention before the first extended cold spell, and small maintenance steps taken now can prevent larger disruptions later in the season.

Heat pumps, common throughout the region, operate differently than traditional furnaces and can behave in ways that surprise homeowners as temperatures drop. According to Heating & Air specialists, a heat pump that runs for longer cycles in cool weather is often functioning as designed rather than malfunctioning. Homeowners are encouraged to set thermostats to a consistent temperature instead of making frequent large adjustments, which can force systems to work harder than necessary.

Airflow is another area that deserves attention during the transition. Clogged filters restrict airflow, reduce efficiency, and can strain heating equipment. Replacing filters at the start of the heating season and inspecting ductwork for leaks or blockages helps ensure warm air reaches every room evenly. Uneven heating and unexpected increases in energy use are frequently traced to airflow and duct concerns.

Cooler weather also affects plumbing performance. Water heaters must work harder as incoming water temperatures fall, and aging units may struggle to keep pace with demand. Homeowners are advised to

watch for signs of plumbing leaks, slow drains, and reduced hot water output, all of which tend to become more noticeable as the season changes. Addressing drain concerns early can prevent backups during the busy fall and winter months.

Indoor air quality rounds out the seasonal checklist. As homes are sealed against cooler air, ventilation decreases, and airborne particles can accumulate. Attention to filtration and air quality helps keep indoor environments healthy when windows stay closed for longer stretches.

"This time of year, small issues that went unnoticed all summer suddenly show up when a system has to run every night," said Jay Mahaffey, owner of Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air - Simpsonville, SC. "A quick filter change, a thermostat set to a steady temperature, and a look at the water heater can make a real difference in comfort as the weather turns."

Mahaffey noted that the company has helped Upstate families navigate seasonal transitions for decades. "Serving homeowners since 1969 means our team has seen how Upstate weather affects homes at every stage of the year, and fall is one of the most important times to check that everything is ready."

Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air is a family-owned and operated company based in Simpsonville, South Carolina, serving Greenville and surrounding communities since 1969. The company provides air conditioning, heating, and plumbing services, including installation, maintenance, and repair, along with heat pumps, geothermal systems, water treatment, drains, ductwork, indoor air quality, and related home comfort solutions.

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