

## **Annual Inspection of Heating Systems a Must!**

In Canada we depend on our heating systems to keep us safe and warm when the thermometer plunges and the snow flies. It not only makes sense to check and maintain your furnace, it is vitally important. Heating systems that consume fuel such as gas, oil or wood need to be inspected and maintained annually. It is the only way to ensure efficient and safe operation.

While you can and should change filters and check for leaks, **the only person qualified to inspect your natural gas, propane or oil furnace is a certified heating technician.** All certified heating technicians and contractors are registered with the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) so if you are unsure if your technician is certified, call 1-877-TSSA (8772) for confirmation.

### **Getting Started**

- / Avoid fly-by-nighters...especially people who show up at your door offering special deals.
- / Ask a friend or your fuel supplier for recommendations.

### **Things to Remember**

- / Obtain at least three written estimates that include the type of work being done, who will do the work as well as start and completion dates.
- / Determine whether repairs are covered by a warranty.
- / Furnace inspections are your responsibility. If you do not arrange it, it won't get done!

***Don't forget! Have your furnace inspected annually.***