

# 7 Common Home Heating Myths DEBUNKED

While there are many helpful tips about system care and maintenance out there, some of the advice might actually be a common myth. Here are seven home heating myths we'd like to debunk!



— MYTH #1 —

## I'll save money by closing vents and registers in unused rooms.

Your heating system is sized to condition the air in all of the rooms of your home. By closing off vents, you could be causing additional pressure to build up within your system. This could very well result in leaks in your system, which will end up wasting energy and money.



— MYTH #2 —

## I should turn my furnace off when I leave home to save money.

Most experts will tell you to keep your system ON. The money you save will be minimal compared to the strain you will put on your system when it is turned back on to reach the desired temperature again. When you are away, set the thermostat to a temperature 3 to 4 degrees lower than usual.



— MYTH #3 —

## Using space heaters is the most effective solution to cold spots in my home.

If you are experiencing one or more uncomfortable rooms, rather than using space heaters, you should find out why your system isn't effectively heating your living space. Your space heater could be hazardous to your home and could be costing you money.



— MYTH #4 —

## If my furnace is working, I don't need to get a heating system tune-up.

Because furnaces are complex systems, it's best to have an HVAC professional provide seasonal maintenance and care. This can help increase the efficiency of your system and also prevent future breakdowns and problems with your system for years to come.



— MYTH #5 —

## I should wait until my furnace breaks down before I consider replacing it.

By preparing for replacement ahead of time, you can help avoid an emergency situation in the dead of winter. Get better comfort and energy-friendly usage by being proactive about replacement.



— MYTH #6 —

## The bigger my furnace is, the more effective it will be at heating my home.

The size of your heating unit should depend on many factors, including the size of your home, the layout, and the quality and design of the ductwork. While bigger may seem better, an oversized system will likely short-cycle from frequent transitions between on and off modes, resulting in constant wear and tear or even a system breakdown.



— MYTH #7 —

## When it's time to replace, choosing the best furnace brand is the most important decision.

While we understand the importance of a good, quality brand furnace, the biggest decision you will make when replacing your HVAC system is whom you choose to install it. Even the best furnaces will do a poor job of keeping your home warm and living up to their high-efficiency ratings if improperly installed.