

oil furnace maintenance

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While there aren't many quick fixes you can undertake yourself on these types of furnaces, good regular maintenance can help eliminate many problems. Here are a few oil furnace maintenance tips:

- During the heating season, check the smoke from the chimney. If the smoke is black, the furnace is not burning the oil completely and fuel is being wasted.

Call a professional service person for adjustments.

- Clean the blower at the beginning of the heating season and again about midway through the season.

- Clean soot from the stack control about midway through the heating season.

- If the blower motor has grease or oil fittings, lubricate the fittings midway through the heating season with cup grease or 10-weight nondetergent motor oil (not all-purpose oil), available at hardware stores.

- Clean the thermostat before each heating season.

If your furnace still isn't working, use the handy troubleshooting chart on the next page to find a solution.