



Alpha Plumbing

Maintaining Your Boiler



- ***What does boiler maintenance include?***

Boilers in Calgary typically burn gas, giving the boiler the ability to heat water or glycol, then to heat your home. This burning causes “products of combustion”, a messy residue that needs to be cleaned off. Different boilers have different requirements for this part. There are also “electrodes”, similar to a car’s spark plugs, that need to be replaced. Ensuring the boiler is burning safely (combustion analysis) is also of utmost importance. Of course, Alpha Technicians complete a full service & inspection checklist on every service appointment (you receive a copy), assuring a holistic evaluation of your boiler system.

- ***Why do I need to do it?***

We will continue using car analogies for a second; changing the oil in a car lets the engine operate reliably and smoothly, so you can depend on it to get you to and fro. Boiler’s are no different - they need inspections, cleaning, and care in order to function reliably. Calgary’s winter climate is serious enough to emphasize the importance of preventive maintenance for all boiler systems.

- ***Does the integrity of my boiler warranty depend on maintenance?***

Yes it sure does. Alpha Plumbing works very closely with all brands. IBC, for example, recommends bi-yearly service and cleaning, with yearly inspections. This is the recommended service interval that preserves both the condition and warranty of your boiler.

- ***How often should I do my boiler maintenance?***

Different brands have different recommendations. Alpha Plumbing’s recommendation for all condensing boilers is bi annual service and cleaning, with yearly inspections. Alpha Plumbing’s recommendation for all atmospheric (metal chimney) boilers is yearly service, cleaning, and inspections.

- ***Can Alpha Plumbing help automate this for me, so I don’t forget?***

Absolutely! Alpha Plumbing’s Care Plan will automate your maintenance visits and includes a host of other valuable discounts and inclusions.



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