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Did you know that your tankless water heater needs an occasional cleaning?

Many homes rely on tankless water heaters for hot water. Tankless style water heaters have many advantages over conventional water heaters including...

- Energy efficiency (does not heat water when it is not being used).
- An endless supply of hot water (no tank to run out).
- Requires much less space in your home.
- Last longer than conventional water heaters. (Tankless water heaters can last more than 20 years)

These units are more expensive than conventional water heaters, and do require some maintenance to ensure that they serve your for as long as possible.

Manufactures recommend cleaning the water inlet filter screen, and flushing the heat exchanger with white vinegar (to remove scale) regularly. The frequency depends upon use and water quality. Most recommendations range from yearly, to once every three years.

You can have this done by your plumber or appliance technician, or you may choose to do it yourself.

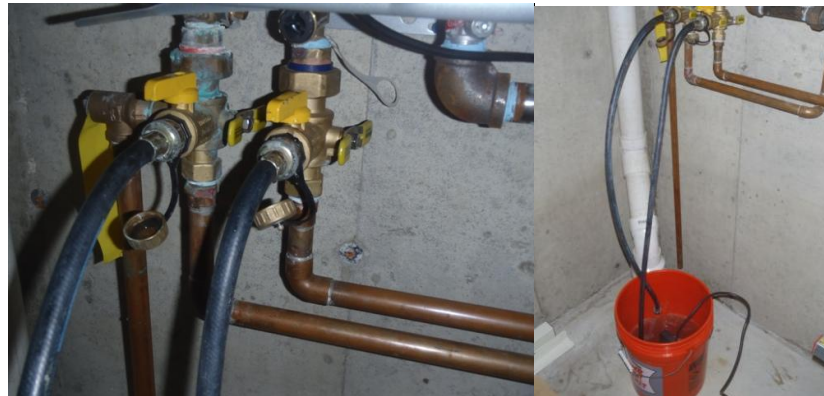
If you wish to do this yourself these are the basic steps. Please consult the owner's manual for your particular mode, and follow their instructions.

To clean your heat exchanger you will need.

- 2 or 3 gallons of white vinegar.
- A five gallon bucket.
- A small submersible pump.
- Two short sections of hose. (washer supply hoses work good)



Hook up according to your manufactures instructions. It will look something like this....



Flushing with vinegar



Scale & debris in bucket

Flush for about forty five minutes with clean white vinegar.
Finish by flushing with clean water.

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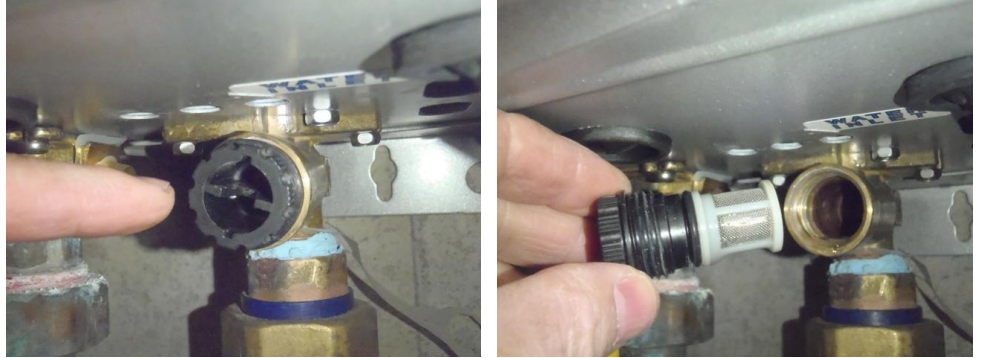
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Remove the water inlet filter screen and carefully clean the screen.



Screw the inlet filter screen back into place, remove the hoses, and put the valves back in their normal operating positions. Turn the power back on and you are done.

If your home has a forced hot air furnace it has been hard at work this winter keeping your home warm for you.

When was the last time you changed your filter?

Changing your furnace filter is an important maintenance practice, which is commonly neglected. (Out of sight, out of mind).



To change your filter....

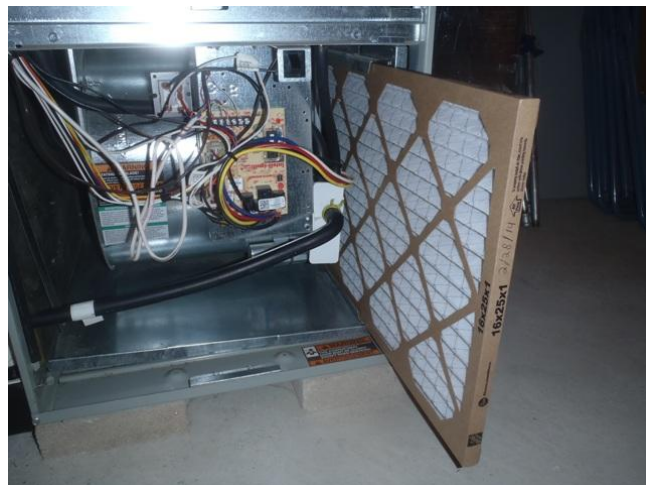
Locate your filter and take note of the size.



Take note of the "Air Flow direction Arrow".



Remove the filter and replace it with a new one.





I like to write the date on the filter, so that I will know at a glance how long it has been since the last filter change.

Don't forget to change your smoke detector batteries this month.

The NFPA encourages everyone to change your smoke detector batteries when you change your clocks.

Daylight savings time begins on Sunday March 9th. This would be a great time to change your smoke detector batteries. While you are at it take a look to see how old they are (it is usually printed on the back of the unit). The National Fire Protection Association recommends replacing them when they are more than ten years old.

Make sure that your home has a smoke detector on every level, and one in each bedroom. The hardwired, interconnected models with battery backup are the best. If your home is not well equipped I encourage you to upgrade. You and your family deserve it!