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### Be a Preferred Customer

There are many kinds of people when it comes to owning a home. The kinds of people who own commercial properties are less varied and usually fit into fewer categories. I have never even written down the categories I use to identify customers but sadly most are not very complimentary. When it comes to who you invite into your home you probably have requirements that you want met. Honest, clean and competent would be at the top of my list. But on the flip side, contractors want to work for people with similar qualities. Prompt payment is always at the top of the list and you probably won't get a second chance to be a slow payer to a contractor. Homeowners who fail to plan ahead and never have routine maintenance performed always make problems for companies with 24 hour service. There is no company that wants to be available 24 hours. It is a service to good customers who have unexpected breakdowns. Although most breakdowns seem unexpected, there is so much dilapidated equipment in operation today that technicians are not authorized to repair properly or replace that

these breakdowns are far too frequent.

Not every system needs total replacement but the critical parts that are over 15 years old should be replaced in most systems and for oil systems there are some parts that should be serviced every year. There are some aspects of air conditioning systems that should also be checked annually. Yet most of the breakdown calls we get are for systems that have not been serviced in many years. For oil systems it is a proven fact that efficiency degrades annually without some service and adjustment. Essentially, you pay in extra fuel consumption what you would have paid for service.

The systems teetering on the brink of failure never seem to stop mid-week either. It is always at some inconvenient time for everyone. If it isn't 10° outside and someone can perform the repairs within 24 hours, you will be fine. The house temperature dropping from 70° to 60° overnight should help you remember why to schedule annual maintenance. It really isn't necessary to have someone come out at midnight just so you don't have to throw an extra blanket on the bed. But they will come if you are willing to pay the extra charge. It would be a better value to have it repaired the next day and invest the money you would have spent for emergency service into upgrading some of the weak link parts that are expected to last forever.

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**GET HELP NOW**

After hours 24/7 number: Carbon Monroe Pike Referral Center at 1-866-824-3578. During regular business hours call: Carbon County Referral Center Toll Free: (866) 824-3578. Monroe County Catholic Social Services: (570) 517-0892

Pyramid Healthcare Bartonsville Outpatient: (888) 694-9996. Pike County Catholic Social Services: (570) 296-1054

Carbon County Provider: PA Treatment and Healing (PATH), 335 N. Fourth Street, 2nd Floor, Lehighton, PA. 18235. (610) 377-8870.

**Northampton County Drug & Alcohol Division** - Located at 2801 Emrick Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18020. 610-829-4725. A case manager is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to provide you with assistance on accessing services for substance abuse. If you do not have health insurance and are in financial need, this office may also help you get the funding for the services that are necessary.

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**April 19, 2023**

**5:30pm—7pm**

**Grand Central Landfill/Energy Center**

**910 W Pennsylvania Ave Pen Argyl**

**An event for all ages—bring the family!**

**Sustainable Solutions for the home and the office**

**Learning Opportunities:**

**Waste Reduction Tips**

**Recycling the Right Items**

**Trash to Energy Tour**

**Landfill Bus Tour**

**Register by April 1, 2023**

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