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## Spring Cleaning

Many homeowners see spring as an opportunity to perform a top to bottom cleaning of their home. This yearly ritual has become synonymous with the warm days of spring, particularly in colder climates like New Hampshire. During spring cleaning, people often clean both the inside and outside of their homes. Many participate in yard and even neighborhood cleanups.

Spring is the wonderful time of year when we can open our windows and circulate our home's air without worry of excessive heat or insects. For most of us, our cleaning motivation passes with the season, which is why it is especially important to ensure your HVAC system is clean and is operating efficiently.

Conveniently, spring is a great time for A.J. LeBlanc Heating to perform our yearly cleanings on your equipment. It is also a great time to test and fix A/C problems (before the summer demand). At A.J. LeBlanc Heating, spring cleaning is less about yard work and more about air quality control. Our spring cleaning checklist is not very long but each piece is critical to system longevity and efficient operation.

#### First, we perform interior cleaning.

1. Check system filters for dust, dander and other restrictive debris.
2. Clean system internals (i.e. fans, filters, air cleaners, air purifiers) and replace any filters that need replacing.
3. Check for humidifier leaks and replace humidifier water panels.
4. Check condensate lines and condensate pumps.

#### Next, we perform exterior cleaning.

5. Remove system covers or protective buildings.
6. Clean the air conditioner's outdoor coils and remove all leaves and debris from around the system.
7. Open all electrical compartments to ensure there are no rodents nesting or damage to system components.

## Origin of Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings Time (DST) was first conceptualized by ancient civilizations. With the lack of electricity, citizens of these ancient civilizations would adjust their daily schedules in accordance to the sun. Romans used water clocks with different scales to accommodate time changes throughout the year.

DST was first conceived by Benjamin Franklin in 1784 during a visit to Paris. Franklin published an essay titled "An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light." In this essay he proposed that people could economize the use of candles by rising earlier and taking advantage of available sunlight.

The invention of modern DST was mainly credited to William Willett in 1905 when he came up with the idea of moving the clocks forward in the summer to take advantage of the daylight in the mornings and the lighter evenings. His proposal suggested moving the clocks 20 minutes forward on four Sundays in April, and switching them back by the same amount on four Sundays in September.

Between 1905 and today, DST has been modified for many reasons including war, public confusion, an oil embargo and lack of state participation. Today, DST starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. Currently, most of the US observes DST except for Hawaii and most of Arizona, and the US insular areas of Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam.



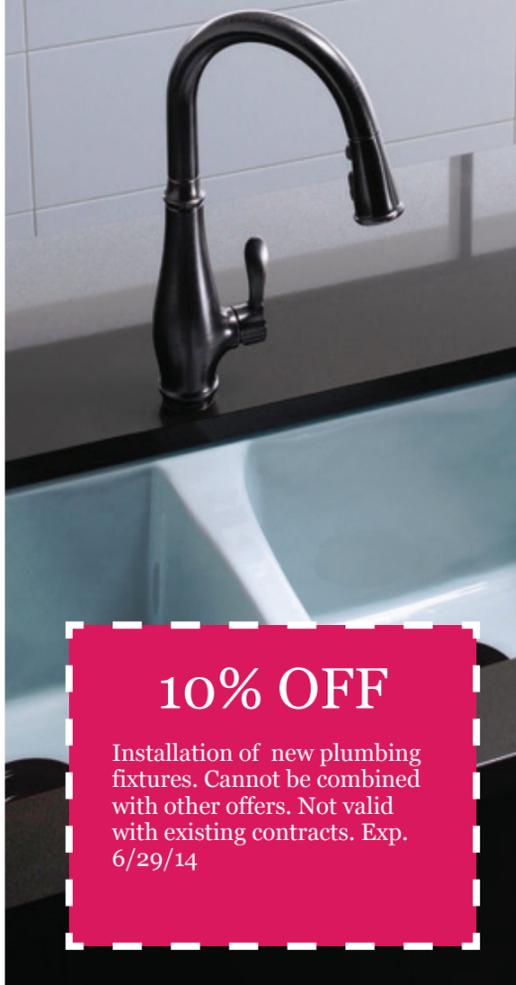
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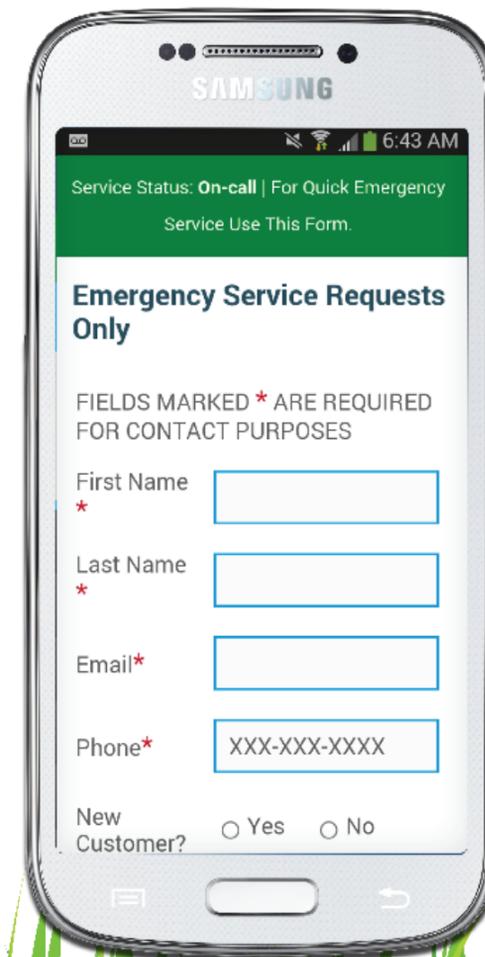
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8. Check for exterior damage and seal all air gaps around refrigeration lines.
9. Check refrigeration pressures and ensure optimal operation.
10. Monitor mechanical parts and report improper operation to homeowner.

Spring is also a great time to schedule the installation of air conditioning systems, mini split systems, heat pumps and air filtration devices.

Refrigeration pressure can only be tested at a 70 degrees Fahrenheit and above ambient temperature. Spring is just about the earliest a homeowner can install air conditioning and will allow for optimum summer use.

If you have pets, allergies or questions about indoor air quality, our technicians and sales staff would be happy to discuss air quality control options with you. With spring comes allergies and your home should be a safe haven not a pollen field.



## Quick Emergency Service

A.J. LeBlanc Heating has just launched our emergency request form. Our customers can now visit our website and check our service status. If there is a green bar near the top of your browser, our service status will indicate "Standard" and standard service rates will apply. During standard hours please use our normal contact form or call 603-623-0412 for service.

If the bar is red, our service status will indicate "On-Call" and emergency rates will apply. Should you decide that you need emergency service, please click on the red bar which will navigate you to our emergency request form. Our emergency request form is the **quickest contact method** during "On-Call" hours. This method eliminates hold times and expedites our service process. Simply fill in your information, press submit and a technician will contact you via telephone.

A.J. LeBlanc Heating's website is now optimized for most mobile devices. However, you can still access desktop view by simply clicking the "desktop view" button or changing your phone's browser settings. Keep in mind almost all of our website's content is available in both views.

## Ingredients

3 quart cooking pot with lid  
Ziplock bag or piping bag  
12 eggs  
1/3 cup mayo  
3-4 tablespoons pickle juice  
1 baby carrot  
1 pickle  
Salt and pepper  
Fresh spinach cut into shreds

## Directions

Place eggs in a large wide saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil for 12 minutes. Remove eggs and cool in a refrigerator.

Make the hat cut at about 1/3 of the eggs height, also cut a small portion of the bottom so the egg will sit flat.

Carefully pop the yolks out into a bowl.

Use a fork to smash the yolks into small pieces. Make sure to remove lumps.

Mix yolks, pickle juice, mayo, salt and pepper and add mixture to ziplock bag or piping bag.

Cut pickles into eye shapes and cut carrots into small triangles (beaks).

Cut the corner off your ziplock bag and fill each egg. Place the chicks hat at an angle so you can see its face.



## Spring Chickens