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## Before You Close the Book on Your New Year's Resolutions, Here's One More that Belongs on the List.

Water heating accounts for approximately 14 percent of your home's annual energy costs. That makes it the third largest source of energy consumption in your home, next only to your heating and cooling systems.

That's reason enough to schedule a water heater tune-up from Your 1 Plumber. But here are two more:

- Over time, your water heater will build up sediment which can hinder its performance. The unit also can develop cracks in the combustion chamber and elsewhere that not only can lessen its efficiency but shorten its lifespan.
- A crack or leak in a gas water heater isn't just a performance issue, it's a safety issue. Gas and carbon monoxide leaks represent health hazards that, to say the least, can be quite serious.

So there you have THREE very good reasons to schedule a tune-up and safety inspection. Now we'll tell you a little about what goes into it.

- **Check for water leaks.** If your water heater develops leaks, it can lead to wasted water, expensive repairs and safety hazards in your home.
- **Drain and flush your tank.** Over time, sediment and mineral deposits build up on the bottom of your water heater's tank. By draining it, all of that sediment will be released and your unit can return to its normal operating efficiency.



## Green & Healthy Living Tips

### Resolve to eat healthier.

Look for healthy eating options rather than fad diets. Resolve to get more fiber in your diet this year like more fish or fresh fruit. Any diet change is easier if you take slow, small steps.



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- **Test the temperature pressure relief valve.** Your TP relief valve protects your unit from problems if the temperature or pressure inside your tank gets too high.
- **Clean your burner assembly.** When the burner assembly on your water heater gets dirty, it can reduce efficiency and cause damage.
- **Test your gas valve** to help ensure your family's safety.
- **Check for proper venting of combustion gasses.** Without proper ventilation, the carbon monoxide that's produced by your water heater can pose serious safety threats. During your water heater tune up, we'll make sure there are no cracks in your ventilation pipes and that combustion gasses are properly carried out of your home.



## Give new life to your unit with a water heater refurbishment

If you've noticed that your water heater is not running as efficiently as it once did, a water heater tune-up from Your 1 Plumber can be the perfect solution.

**Call to schedule today, and pay just \$99 with the coupon on page 3 of this newsletter.**

*Happy New Year from all of us at Your 1 Plumber!*

Sincerely,

William Kirkorian  
President

## Amazing Fact

The Anglo-Saxons called the first month of the year Wolfmonth because wolves came into the villages in winter in search of food.

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## Our Favorite Recipes

### Mother's Day Pie

"A very easy soup to prepare and one that can be enjoyed any day."



#### Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup finely chopped carrot
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 pound lentils, picked and rinsed
- 1 cup peeled and chopped tomatoes
- 2 quarts chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground toasted cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground grains of paradise

#### Directions:

Place the olive oil into a large 6-quart Dutch oven and set over medium heat. Once hot, add the onion, carrot, celery and salt and sweat until the onions are translucent, approximately 6 to 7 minutes. Add the lentils, tomatoes, broth, coriander, cumin and grains of paradise and stir to combine. Increase the heat to high and bring just to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover and cook at a low simmer until the lentils are tender, approximately 35 to 40 minutes. Using a stick blender, puree to your preferred consistency. Serve immediately.

[Click here to print this recipe](#)

## You Gotta Laugh

"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves." *Bill Vaughn*



### New Year's Special

Pay Just **\$99**

...for our water heater tune-up and safety inspection service. This offer is valid through January 31, 2013. Only one (1) coupon per service address will be accepted. Coupon must be presented at the time of service. Not valid with any other offer or minimum service fee.

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Save **\$25**

...on any other service our company offers. Only one (1) coupon per service address will be accepted. Coupon must be presented at the time of service. This offer is valid through January 31, 2013 and may not be combined with any other offer or minimum service fee.

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