

# Hire a Pro

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*Kai Rochette washes off the furnace filter for his family's home in Canyon.*

To illustrate his point, Shaw brought along a slide show with a lot of nasty pictures of things living in our carpets, horrible close-ups of parasites that ride in on our pets, and messy insulation that has fallen away from ducts.

While this list is by no means comprehensive, Shaw hit some high points:

- Have your furnace inspected and hire a chimney sweep to vacuum out your heating ducts. At the same time, replace your furnace filters every two to three months, or get a permanent filter that you can hose

down every few months.

- Get a carbon monoxide detector, pronto. "If you do not have one of these then go straight from here to the hardware store and buy one today." That warning was accompanied by a huge skull and crossbones, to the tune of an ominous Dvorak violin concerto. And use the fan over your propane oven range, even if it sounds like a jet engine. The carbon monoxide detectors aren't expensive, and one will do, installed down low in a hallway, for example.

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*These permanent furnace filters can be rinsed down with a hose – no need to buy new filters.*