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Here are tips you can follow during the winter months to stay warm and save on energy bills at little or no cost:

Close draperies at night and on cloudy days and open them on sunny days.*

Use a sunny room as living space to read the paper or eat a meal on sunny, cold days. Upholstered furniture will soak up the heat when placed in a sunny spot.

Lower your thermostat to 65 degrees while you're away during the day.

Use more blankets in bed at night to keep your body warm enough without warming your whole home.

Replace furnace filters regularly and have your heating systems inspected annually

Lower the water heater thermostats to the lowest level that meets your hot water needs (midway between the "low" and "medium" settings on many units). Each decrease of 10 degrees saves five percent on water heating costs.

Trade Tips:

Check the filters!!!!

We are now entering into the heating season. Filters will get dirty and need cleaning or replacement.

Make sure that you don't skip this very important step, it will improve the air quality in your home and extend the life of your appliances

2,000 year Old Loo Discovered

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BEIJING (Reuters) - China has flushed Britain's claims to have invented the water closet down the pan with the discovery of a 2,000-year-old toilet complete with running water, a stone seat and a comfortable armrest.

Archaeologists found the antique latrine in the tomb of a king of the Western Han Dynasty (206 BC to 24 AD), who believed his soul would need to enjoy human life after death, the official Xinhua news agency said on Wednesday.

"This top-grade stool is the earliest of its kind ever discovered in the world, meaning that the Chinese used the world's earliest water closet which is quite like what we are using today," Xinhua quoted the archaeologists' report as saying.

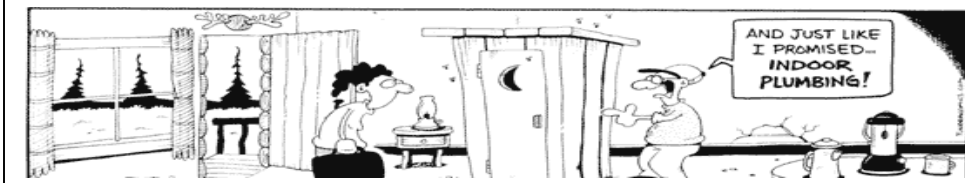
"It was a great invention and a symbol of social civilization of that time," Xinhua said.

The invention of the flush toilet is widely attributed to London plumber Thomas Crapper, who patented a U-bend siphoning system for flushing the pan in the late 19th century, and who also installed toilets for Queen Victoria.

Among other inventions claimed by China are toilet paper, fireworks, gunpowder, the compass, paper money, kites, printing and the clock.

The toilet tomb was discovered in Shangqiu county in the central province of Henan, Xinhua said.

Archaeologists also found a queen consort's stone tomb, more than 690 feet long and consisting of more than 30 rooms including a bathroom, toilet, kitchen and an ice-store



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Ventilating Fans

Don't overuse kitchen or bathroom ventilating fans. Turn them off as soon as they have done their job, or put them on timers to limit their operation to fifteen minutes at a time. A fan can draw out an entire houseful of heated air in about an hour.

Winter Survival Tips:

Here are a few tips to prevent your pipes from freezing this winter. Wrap them with heating tape and insulate unfinished rooms such as garages that frequently have exposed pipes. Also, check for cracks and leaks. If you notice minor pipe damage, have a Milani technician repair it immediately.

Make sure you've shut off and drained your outdoor water lines such as the lawn and garden irrigation system. Check any plumbing that enters exterior walls or through the floor. If there's a hole around the pipe, seal it with expanding foam