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SaskEnergy and its Network Members are back again to help homeowners with furnace maintenance

After a very successful Tune-Up Assistance Program (TAP) in 2018, SaskEnergy and its Network of plumbing and heating contractors are teaming up again in hopes of continuing to provide quality furnace maintenance to low-income homeowners across the province. TAP highlights the importance of annual maintenance on natural gas home heating systems and carbon monoxide detection. The program was created to assist low income homeowners by providing a hands-on examination of a home's heating equipment to make sure it is ready for the onset of cooler temperatures.

Applications are now being accepted from low-income homeowners (a combined annual income of no more than \$68,000). Renters/rental properties are not eligible. Only those selected will receive this one-time offer of a SaskEnergy Network Home Heating Tune-Up at no charge; as an added safety measure each homeowner will also be provided with a multi-gas detector that detects both natural gas and carbon monoxide, and two furnace filters.

TAP serves as a reminder to all Saskatchewan homeowners about the importance of furnace maintenance and cleaning or replacing furnace filters every one to two months during the winter heating season.

"The Tune Assistance Program provides SaskEnergy with a great opportunity to give back to the community while promoting natural gas safety. TAP helps educate and assist families in need by offering those who qualify a free furnace tune-up," said Samantha Gross, Customer Solutions Leader with SaskEnergy. "Regular upkeep on home heating equipment is important to ensure your system is operating safely and efficiently, it also helps reduce the risk of costly repairs in the future and reduces the risk of carbon monoxide in the home."

"Safety is a very, very important feature and if you can't afford to get it done yourself, it's helpful that SaskEnergy is out there doing this program for people that can't afford it. And everyone needs to be safe," stated Shane Haddad, TAP participant.

Participating communities are selected based on the location of SaskEnergy Network Members who provide the SaskEnergy Network Home Heating Tune-Up service, these include: *Carlyle, Emerald Park, Estevan, Eston, Foam Lake, Gravelbourg, Hudson Bay, Kindersley, Martensville, Moose Jaw, Nipawin, North Battleford, Paradise Hill, Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon, Swift Current, Unity, Wadena, Wakaw, Watrous, Weyburn and Yorkton*. Applications under the Tune-Up Assistance Program are accepted if you are located in one of the communities listed or within a 20 kilometre radius.

More information about TAP and how to apply is available at <https://www.saskenergy.com>.

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