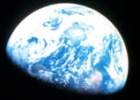




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International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer



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WORLD OZONE DAY
16 SEPTEMBER 2017



World Ozone Day

The United Nations has designated each September 16 as International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer – now World Ozone Day.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol and as such, The Ozone Secretariat, along with the Government of Canada will be hosting the Ozone Awards and the 29th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in Montreal November 20-24 this year.

<http://ozone.unep.org/en/30th-anniversary-montreal-protocol-and-world-ozone-day-2017>

Final Summer Certification Class

MOPIA will be offering our final summer one-day certification class in **Winnipeg on Saturday, September 16**. Please contact MOPIA to register or for details.

Anyone working on A/C or HVACR systems handling regulated products and refrigerants must have this certification or they risk penalties of up to \$50,000 and/or imprisonment not exceeding six months on a first offence.



Be Guarded Against Too Good to be True Deals



MOPIA has been informed that there are telemarketers who are blitzing homeowners across Manitoba offering, what appears to be, affordable residential air conditioners installed on a monthly payment plan. And while competition in the marketplace is typically healthy and provides choice for consumers, deals that are lengthy with extraordinary interest rates or questionable terms are not always in the best interest of homeowners.

In at least one instance, a person accepted the deal - installation of a residential air conditioner for \$7,500 paid over the term of 20 years. While the monthly payment was affordable, the real price of the service appears to be well above the typical market price.

MOPIA encourages homeowners to obtain multiple quotes and to do their own research including checking out the reviews of a business via the Better Business Bureau or other resources. The experience and credentials of the technician servicing your unit must also be scrutinized. Is the technician current with all trade and or certifications? Are they qualified to work on your A/C unit?

Under the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic Regulation (under the authority of the Apprenticeship Branch) there are some very specific criteria for those servicing commercial and residential A/C equipment.

Not only can technicians and company's be fined if found in non-compliance, but persons doing work on systems that they do not have certification or licenses risk legal intervention through insurance agencies, The Canada Revenue Agency (i.e. if found paid under the table) or by the owner themselves if they are found in non-compliance. Social media can quickly derail or highlight a person or company that is performing unscrupulously.



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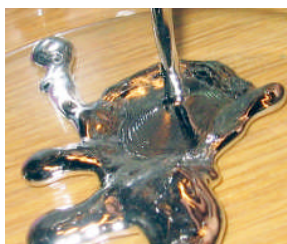
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Recycle your Mercury...



Mercury (Hg with the atomic number 80) is a useful substance when used in many specific applications. Within the HVACR sectors, it is commonly used as a catalyst in thermostats to trigger sensors to operate the electrical pulse to begin heating and air conditioning. However, it is a very harmful and lethal substance to our environment too if not contained and used safely.



Fortunately, if you have any used/broken or mercury switches you would like properly disposed, there is a free program whereby you can rely. Contact the Thermostat Recovery Program at the following website link...

www.hrai.ca/thermostat-recovery-program

Get Engaged with Manitoba's Industry Associations

Manitoba has a wealth of useful industry associations for which technicians and stakeholder companies can become involved, engage in training, education and awareness sessions. Some offer scholarships, post jobs from member companies and host social events to meet and greet.

In fact, HRAI Manitoba is hosting a Seminar and Tradeshow on **October 12** in Winnipeg.

MOPIA encourages you to embrace any one or more of them to improve your network and skills. We have listed just a few below and will highlight others in future editions.

Mechanical Contractors Association of Manitoba (MCAM)

www.mca-mb.com/index.php

Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Institute (HRAI)

<http://hraimb.ca/index.html>

American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)

www.ashraemanitoba.ca/

Automotive Trades Association (ATA)

<http://atamb.ca/>

New Minister of Sustainable Development Appointed



Manitoba's Premier appointed a new Minister of Sustainable Development swapping portfolios between Cathy Cox and Rochelle Squires who was Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage. Rochelle Squires is a journalist and was first elected in 2016 in Riel (Winnipeg).

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International Institute of Refrigeration

<http://iifir.org/medias/medias.aspx?instance=EXPLOITATION&SETLANGUAGE=EN>

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www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en

United Nations Environment Programme "OzoNews"

<http://web.unep.org/ozonaction/>

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www.ec.gc.ca/alef-ewe/default.asp?lang=En&n=8F711F37-1



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