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Don't Get Stuck with Sticker-Shock Bills This Winter!

It's been a fairly pleasant fall in Lorain County, Ohio; but winter is already showing signs of its chilly approach. The frost is on the pumpkin, and most mornings Jack Frost is coating Lorain County lawns in icy white and leaving lacy drawings on car windshields. Climate changes in the Arctic are about to hurtle us back into the early 1900s when Old Man Winter worked his fingers to the bone and some thought northern Ohio might be plunging toward a new Ice Age.

As the Boy Scouts say, "Be Prepared!" Smart Lorain County residents will schedule a Heating Performance Check now to make sure their furnace is working safely and efficiently. Lorain County residents can save \$20 off the regular price of a Heating Performance Check by scheduling their furnace inspection online with Raymond, Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning. An efficiently working furnace will make sure you and your family stays toasty all winter long *and* will save you money by cutting fuel consumption.

It looks like frozen noses and fingers are going to be the norm again this winter. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), there's a definite link between changing Arctic ice conditions and the unusually severe cold weather that blasted the Great Lakes, eastern U.S., northern Europe and eastern Asia last winter. Frigid arctic air usually swirls around the North Pole, but last winter changes in the Jet Stream blew bone-chilling blasts of Arctic air south into heavily populated areas where the temperature rarely drops below zero degrees. In Lorain County we saw more than our share of sub-zero days. According to the NOAA, Arctic cold spikes like the ones experienced last winter have only occurred twice before in the past 160 years. Looks like we're set to break another record this winter!