

MAXimum Comfort News

News & Information For The Customers Of Rubino Service Company Spring, 2008

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Going Green Not Rubino's Latest Trend

There is a lot of focus on "going green". This may seem like the latest trend however Rubino Service Company has always been committed to being earth friendly in our business practices. Rubino Service Company has installed quality name brands and high efficiency heating and cooling systems in our customers homes. We have also been installing non-ozone depleting



refrigerant, Puron[®], air conditioners for the last 10 years. We have committed to do this to keep the green in our customers wallets with energy efficient equipment and also for the Earth in not depleting her natural resources.

The latest way Rubino Service Company has committed to being green is by becoming certified by the State of New Jersey as a Home Performance contractor to perform an audit on your home to see how efficient your home really is. As a New Jersey Home Performance with Energy Star[®] contractor, we have the diagnostic tools that will tell us where energy is lost and wasted. We have the know how to tell you what can be done to save money. Rubino Service Company is proud to be one the few heating and air conditioning companies in the state to be certified with BPI as a Home Performance Contractor. The State of New Jersey is very committed in the Clean-Energy program and is offering rebates up to \$5,000 or unsecured loans up to \$20,000 as low as 3.99%. To learn more about this program, call us at 856-795-3226.

Your Home's Carbon Footprint

Over half (53%) of your home's energy is used for heating and cooling. Water heating accounts for another 17%. The rest is used by lighting, refrigeration, and other appliances. The best way to cut your home's carbon footprint is to increase the efficiency of your heating, air conditioning, and water heating appliances.

Source: Energy Information Administration

Simple Spring Berry Sherbet Recipe

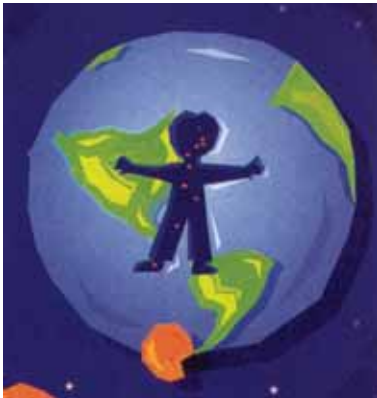
Use this simple recipe for berry sherbet to prepare a delicious spring treat.

- 1 bag (12 oz.) of frozen berries of your choice**
- 1 cup of low fat buttermilk**
- 2/3 rds cup of sugar**



Place the berries, buttermilk and sugar in a blender and puree until it's a smooth flowing mixture. If using berries with large seeds, strain the mix to remove the seeds. Double the recipe to make more.

Freeze the mix overnight. Scoop out the frozen mix and blend until smooth. Garnish with a berry or mint leaf.



Simple Tips For Green Living

Your carbon footprint is a measure of the impact you make on the planet, based on the amount of greenhouse gases that are generated by your activities. Here are a few ways you can cut your carbon footprint:

- Use rechargeable batteries to reduce waste and keep the hazardous materials found in some batteries out of our landfills.
- Offset your thermostat two degrees to reduce the number of hours your comfort system operates.
- Call **Rubino Service Company** for a fully automatic setback thermostat to effortlessly save energy while you're away from home.
- When your incandescent light bulbs fail, replace them with compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Get your heating system professionally tuned-up every fall and your air conditioning tuned-up every spring.
- On hot days, delay heat-generating activities such as dishwashing until evening. Try not to use a dehumidifier at the same time your air conditioner is operating. The dehumidifier will increase the cooling load on the house and cause the air conditioner to work harder.

Have You Had A Home Energy Audit?

What is Home Performance?

The Home Performance with Energy Star® offers homeowners a comprehensive home assessment which will tell the homeowner how to lower energy cost, improve comfort and ensure safety and health all while protecting the environment. Home Performance is about treating the whole house. It's the understanding of the interactions between all systems in a home - air leakage, insulation, combustion appliances, heating and cooling systems and ventilation. In the end, it helps homeowners decide what should be done to make the home more efficient.

The comprehensive audit will take 3 to 6 hours depending on the size of your home and several tests will be conducted to determine the leaking in the home. These tests include the following:

- Blower Door test to determine leaking in the envelope of the home
- Duct Blaster test to determine where and how severely your ducts are leaking
- Health & Safety Check to make sure that all gas connections are not leaking, and appliances are vented correctly.
- Insulation Levels
- Cooling & Heating efficiency
- Lighting
- Domestic hot water efficiency

Financial Incentives:

- Loans available with interest rates as low as 3.99%
- Rebates up to 50% (\$5,000 max) of work completed

Quality:

Home Performance with Energy Star® is a national program sponsored program. Therefore an accredited contractor is held to the highest quality of standards. Rubino Service Company went through extensive specialized training to enable us to perform the audits on your home. A test out of the home is also conducted once all work has been completed and you will also be able to see at that time the difference in the efficiency of your home.

If you are interested in improving the efficiency of your home, please contact us at 856-795-3226 to set up your home energy audit.



New Jersey Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® is sponsored by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and New Jersey's Clean Energy Program™. New Jersey's Clean Energy Program does not endorse any one particular contractor.

Meet Your Rubino Service Company "Green" Team:

Featured Team Member:

Joe Patrick

Joe has worked at Rubino Service Company since 2000. Joe is our lead technician and has recently become BPI Certified in four areas- Building Analyst, Building Envelope, Heating & Air Conditioning.

Joe is also NATE Certified in Gas Heating, Air Conditioning, Heat Pump & Air Distribution.



Joe lives with his wife Kim and is the proud father of 5 children Joseph 21, Sean 19, Robert 18, Chrystal 15, and Ryan 8. Joe enjoys fixing up his 1880 Victorian Home.

Spring Edition



**IT'S A/C TUNE-UP TIME!!
CALL NOW TO GET ON THE SCHEDULE**

HOT F.R.O.G.?

(Finished Room Over Garage)

So its almost summertime and once again the finished room over the garage is too hot. You've tried everything from window treatments, opening and closing the door to the room and finally contacting your current heating and cooling contractor. After numerous visits and countless airflow adjustments the comfort still isn't there. How can Rubino Service Company help?

Good Question!

We get phone calls from homeowners complaining of extremely high temperatures in areas and rooms like the infamous F.R.O.G.

The sun is the F.R.O.G.'s worst enemy. Either too hot in the summer or too cold in the winter. With knee walls and vaulted ceilings, the F.R.O.G. is a place where comfortable temperature is very hard to maintain. In most homes, you will find only the thermostat controlling the comfort levels for entire house.

This thermostat is usually located in a hallway and will keep the hallway at the temperature you set while other areas of the home range from too hot to too cold. Therefore the answer is zoning. Zoning allows a thermostat in chosen areas for individual temperature control.

Benefits of zone control & Good-bye Hot F.R.O.G.

- Provides room by room comfort control
- Eliminates hot/cold rooms
- Allows you to heat or cool only the areas you want
- Saves energy and reduces utility bills
- Ultimately provides you with the comfort and confidence you deserve in your home

