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Did you know...

...to give your floor drains an occasional 'drink of water'?

When floor drain traps evaporate and dry out it allows foul sewer gas odors to escape. Refilling the traps with water solves the problem.

THROUGH MY EYES

Generally speaking, people in St Clair County don't worry about our water quality. I never did because I assumed we have great water in Michigan. But eventually that perception changed with more information. Here's a recent example:

Every year after Memorial Day I go up north to Ontario for a few days of fishing for Walleye and Northern Pike. We go to a remote and secluded lake called Lake Esnagi that can only be reached by train or float plane. Suffice to say, we always have a great time, and this year was no different.

So fishing was fresh on my mind and

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Here's Brendan with a Northern Pike that he caught recently on our fishing trip to Lake Esnagi in northern Ontario.

3 HVAC Mistakes Every Homeowner Should Avoid - And Smart Alternatives

Let's explore three common HVAC missteps I see, why they backfire, and what to do instead—so you can stay comfortable, efficient, and stress-free.

Mistake #1: Turning Off Your AC and Opening Windows on a "Nice" Day.

You might think fresh air is great—but in summer, it works against your AC. After a few days of cooling, your air conditioner not

only drops temperature but also reduces Indoor humidity. That dry air is key to comfort—sweat evaporates better in low humidity. When you crack a window, warm, humid air gets in.

The AC has to work overtime to both cool and dehumidify again, increasing energy use and costs. Plus, you sacrifice the air filtering benefits of a closed system—letting pollen, dust, and allergens back in

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Better Alternative:

Consider installing an ERV (Energy Recovery Ventilator)—a system designed to bring in fresh air without raising humidity or temperature. ERVs pre-condition incoming air by exchanging heat and moisture with outgoing stale air. This keeps your home fresh, dry, energy-efficient—and your AC's hard work intact!

Mistake #2: Closing Registers in Unused Rooms to Save Energy

Closing vents in empty, unused rooms sounds smart—but here's the problem: your HVAC system – the ductwork and furnace blower - was designed for a specific airflow. Blocking a vent forces the system to push air into a smaller space, increasing duct pressure and forcing the blower motor to run harder.

That extra stress causes multiple issues:

- **Blower strain:** Higher pressure makes the motor draw more electricity and run hotter, shortening its life.

• Inefficient heating/cooling:

Slower airflow reduces heat transfer, forcing the system to run longer to meet the set temperature.

• Danger of heat exchanger damage:

With slower airflow in heating mode, your furnace runs hotter, which can crack the heat exchanger—often requiring a full furnace replacement.

Better Alternative:

Instead of closing vents, focus on reducing demand on your system:

- **Seal air leaks** (doors, windows, attic) and **upgrade insulation** to lower overall load.
- **Upgrade to high-efficiency HVAC equipment**, or better yet, upgrade to **a heat pump**, which offers both efficient heating and cooling without the airflow issues tied to blocking vents.

Mistake #3: Using a Super-Dense "High-Efficiency" Furnace Filter

Most homeowners believe the best filter is one that captures

every bit of dust and allergen—which sounds logical. But those "high-MERV" filters catch more particles by restricting airflow.

This triggers the same problems caused by closing vents described above in Mistake #2

Better Alternative:

Use a moderate-efficiency filter (MERV 7–11). It protects your blower and coils without throttling airflow. Then, if air purity is your goal, add a HEPA filtration system in parallel with your HVAC—not in line. This setup lets HEPA scrub your air without choking the system.

Bottom Line:

These are common homeowner habits that seem harmless—but end up costing comfort, money, and equipment lifespan. I've outlined what not to do—and why.

Next month I'll share proactive steps you should take to optimize your HVAC and plumbing systems. Call me if you have any questions or if we can help.

- Daniel Squires

What Our Clients Are Saying ...



"VHP takes thorough and courteous care of our heating and plumbing needs. We are older folks who choose to stay in our own home, and Vincent's service is making much of that possible. High Marks!"

- Phyllis & Ken Cory, East China

Through My Eyes (Continued from Pg. 1)

my attention was caught by this June 6 headline in the Times Herald: "What fish are safe to eat in St Clair County? Here's what Michigan Health Department says." The article focused on the recently released Michigan Health Department '2025 Eat Safe Fish' guidelines for what fish in the St Clair River area are safe to eat in moderation and what fish shouldn't be eaten. Fish are contaminated by the chemical pollution in our lakes and rivers. Included in the list of our local fish are various levels of mercury, dioxins, PCB's, and PFOS (the 'forever chemicals').

What really caught my eye in the article was the statement on how the serving suggestions "will keep you from getting too many chemicals in your body at once." Seriously? **Why would I want any of these chemicals to get into my body at all?**

I immediately thought about the fish in Lake Esnagi. Surely eating those fish would be risk-free since it's such a pristine, remote lake. It's not like there are any nearby factories that might pollute the water like in Michigan. Then I discovered Ontario's version of the "Eat Safe Fish" guide. The risks from eating fish in that area are almost identical to ours. Chemical pollution is everywhere. How depressing.

It's information like this that has changed my perception about our local water. Fish can only become contaminated by exposure to chemical pollution from the water they live in. If Lake Esnagi is contaminated as remote as it is, then it doesn't matter whether I get my water from a well or Lake Huron. Why would I think that I'm safe and have nothing to worry about from the water that I consume?

This story only serves to make the point. Things like this made me want to find out more information and so I set up water quality

training for our techs. We've learned even more about why we should be concerned about our water quality and how to minimize our risk. Whether from a city water supply or a well we can all greatly benefit by 'fixing' our water.

- I have city water, but I also invested in a **water-softener to eliminate hardness.** Soft water prevents scaling in my plumbing which protects my dishwasher, washing machine and water heater, improves cleaning efficiency, enhances skin and hair health and more.
- I have a **whole house carbon filter to eliminate chlorine.** Carbon-filtered water is gentler on skin and hair for bathing as chlorine dries out and irritates skin. It helps rubber seals and washers in plumbing fixtures last longer. Plus eliminating chlorine provides better tasting, healthier water to drink, make ice and cook with.
- I also have a **UV Water Purifier that disinfects water** and reduces the risk of *Legionella* plus **I never need to worry about a 'boil water' alert again.**
- Finally, I have a **reverse osmosis water drinking water system** that removes most of the chemical pollutants that get through the city filters including mercury, dioxins, PCB's, PFOS – the chemicals that are in fish - and more – like flouride.

If you're interested in learning more about what's in your water, **visit EWG.org.** Scroll down to the section **"Tap Water Database".** Plug in your zip code and it may change your thinking, too.

Also, see the nearby insert for an opportunity to get a free water test of the water in your home by one of our techs plus savings on the same package I describe above.

- Daniel Squires



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Humor Section



A priest is stopped by a state trooper for speeding.
The trooper smells alcohol on his breath and sees an empty wine bottle on the floor.
The trooper asks, "Sir, have you been drinking?"
The priest says, "Just water."
The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?"
The priest looks down at the bottle and says, "Good Lord, He's done it again!"

Now that's good news!

"I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'"

-Psalm 91:2

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- **Reverse Osmosis** - purifies your drinking water. Includes designer faucet.



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- **Chemical Free Iron Filter** - removes stubborn iron, manganese and sulfur without chemicals
- **UV** - kills bacteria & germs to disinfect water.
- **Reverse Osmosis** - purifies your drinking water. Includes designer faucet.



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