

## “If it Ain’t Broke, Don’t Fix it!”

Isn't that the old adage most of us go by? When things are moving along smoothly in our lives we often don't pay attention to the details, one of those details being regular maintenance on our heating and cooling system. We figure why fix something that's not broken, right? We let it go year after year with our system humming along until one day, unexpectedly - well before the projected expiration date of our system and on the hottest, most inconvenient day ever - the humming stops suddenly and we're faced with major repairs.



**Don't skip the maintenance!** Regular maintenance ensures that your system runs day after day without fail while providing efficient, comfortable cooling to your home.

According to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), as much as half (often times more than half!) of the energy used in your home goes to heating and cooling, so it makes sense to keep your equipment working as efficiently as possible. Regular maintenance on your heating and cooling system can increase the efficiency of your system and have a large affect on your utility bills. In fact, studies show that properly maintaining your heating and cooling system improves efficiency and can reduce energy bills by up to 35%!

Left unchecked, a year's build-up of dirt and dust increases the likelihood of future breakdowns. In fact, according to the EPA, this build-up is the #1 cause of air conditioning system breakdowns. Increased breakdowns mean higher maintenance costs to you. Your system will last several years longer with proper maintenance.

Routine maintenance not only increases the longevity of your system but it can also gage the "age-correctness" of your system as well. Your technician will be able to help you determine when the life cycle of your system is at an end (when repairs and maintenance costs escalate and become too expensive) and get it replaced before your system breaks down (like on the hottest day of the year!)

We all expect our heating and cooling system to be able to deliver the temperature we want, to be comfortable in a variety of conditions, and to deliver it all day long – which is the case most of the time. However, if your system is not maintained properly, it may be working too hard or inefficiently to effectively deliver the comfort of a consistent air temperature.

Having your air conditioning system regularly maintained will pay for itself in lower repair costs, less aggravation and more efficient operation, not to mention increased home comfort! Most of the time the money spent on a tune-up you more than save with lower utilities and fewer repair bills.

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