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Maintenance

How to Maintain your Central Air Conditioner

Largest Portion of your electric bill in summer months is the Air Conditioner

Air Filter: Monthly

Clean or change your filter per manufacturer's instructions. It is the most important part of your cooling system. Turn the unit off before removing filter for cleaning or replacement.

Have your central air conditioner serviced annually by a licensed contractor or complete the following steps.

Outdoor Condenser: As needed

Remove debris from unit, anything obstructing it will prevent it from dissipating heat as effectively.

Indoor Coil: Annual

Clean the coil. A dirty coil will hinder unit's ability to cool the air moving through the unit. **Fan Blades: Annual**

Turn unit off and remove air filter, vacuum fan blades and fan enclosure area.

Drain Line: Annual

A clogged drain will not allow condensation to drain properly causing potential water damage to your home. Turn unit off and remove front panel of the indoor unit, find your drain line and disconnect it. Place a water hose in the drain line and find where the drain line exits the home. Have someone turn on the water while you man the hose, then have someone check where the drain exits the home. Water should come out of the drain at the same flow rate it enters. If the flow is slower, your drain line is partially clogged. If the water flow does not remove the clog, run a solution of ½ bleach and ½ water down the drain to clear it. Reconnect the drain line and replace front panel.