

SAVING DOLLARS

5 Signs That It May Be Time to Replace Your A/C



No air conditioner was made to last forever. So it's important to always look for the signs that it is time to make the inevitable switch to a new unit. These signs could be blatantly obvious or just the little things that you may have previously overlooked. Either way, it's always important to be aware of the state of your unit. Here are a few signs that help you decide whether or not it is time to purchase an air conditioner. Here are a few indicators that it may be that time:

1. Air conditioner is more than 10 years old.

Nowadays, air conditioners are built to last. However, if an expensive repair is required and your unit is more than ten years old, sometimes it is more cost effective to purchase a

new unit. At the end of the day, you have to weigh the cost of efficiency with a new unit compared to the cost of a pricey repair.

2. Air conditioner is inefficient. A low SEER rating on your air conditioner equates to one thing, more money out of your pocket. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, new air conditioners must have a minimum SEER rating of 14 in order to meet today's standards. If your unit's SEER rating is below 14, a new unit would improve your energy costs.

3. You're facing expensive repairs. When the dreaded time comes when your air conditioning unit needs an expensive repair, you have to ask yourself, is it worth it? If the repair cost is approximately the same cost of a new unit or if your unit has any signs on this list, you may want to balance the cost of an expensive repair with the purchase of a new unit.

4. Frequent breakdowns. Does your air conditioner consistently give you issues? The cost of regular repairs can really add up. Frequent breakdowns are not only a hassle, but they have a

heavy impact on your wallet as well.

5. Your home isn't comfortable. Are you at wit's end in attempting to keep your home cool? This headache could be a result of you owning a system that doesn't properly fit your home or just an aging unit that doesn't work efficiently. When you're at home you want to be comfortable. So if you're constantly complaining it is too hot in your home, it might be time for a new air conditioner.

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Ring in the Holidays With The Team



The team at Climate Control Services has always had a big heart for the local community and the holiday season brought that feeling out even more. Every year, we sponsor a charity for the holidays and this year we chose Toys for Tots. Each member of the Climate Control team ranging from the owners to the administrative team to the technicians brought in an unwrapped toy and the company matched it. All of the donations resulted in a lot of deserving children with smiling faces. We

can't wait for what the 2015 holiday season brings!



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Have You Ever Asked Yourself...



What are the benefits of a reasonable costing programmable timer?

* If the thought of not having to constantly adjust your manual thermostat, not having to remember to adjust it every time you leave the house and go to bed, or saving money on your utility bills appeals to you, then you could really benefit from a reasonable costing programmable thermostat. Programmable thermostats offer the flexibility to have your A/C unit run on your schedule. Depending on thermostat, you're able to program it for every day of the week. Having your A/C not running while you're away from home and cooling it before you arrive not only brings convenience, but savings as well. When used properly, the savings on your utility bill can range approximately \$150-200 annually by reducing the amount of energy wasted with increased efficiency and precision.

Why and how to keep the unit cool?

* Increase the efficiency of your A/C system by keeping blinds or shades down during the day. Also, consider running the A/C in conjunction with ceiling fans while you are at home to circulate cooled air more effectively.

Why and how to get airflow?

* Shutting too many interior doors causes central A/C systems to go out of balance, meaning there's less airflow in the entire house. If you want some privacy, keep doors slightly open instead.

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In the Market for a New A/C



Dear Dr. Drafty,

My husband and I are in the market for a new air conditioner unit. My husband wants the biggest one available. He thinks that bigger is better, however, I am always wary when he begins to say things such as, "I want the biggest one they have." As a Doctor, do you have any advice on what we should get and what I should do?

Elaine Anniston
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Well Elaine, air conditioners both cool and dehumidify. On one hand, an oversized air conditioner can quickly cool a home. On the other hand, that results in it frequently cycling on and off, which doesn't allow it enough time to remove moisture and may make the house feel sticky.

Even though a properly sized unit runs longer throughout the day, it comes with a higher efficiency level and uses as well. On the other hand, an over sized A/C system will cause a 10% increase in energy consumption. It's always a smart move to purchase what fits your home. Not only does an over sized A/C system consume more energy, but they'll remove less moisture from your home as well.

My diagnosis is tell hubby bigger isn't always better. Getting an A/C unit that fits your home is the way to go.

*Sincerely,
D.D.*

Doctor Drafty welcomes all your cooling- and heating-related questions and concerns. Please email to DoctorDrafty@ClimateControlServices.com.

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