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At **WestAIR Heating & Cooling**, our team works hard each day to help solve and service your home comfort needs. It's our job to keep your HVAC system working its best, so you and your family enjoy a more comfortable home.



Joe Lynch, Owner

We want to thank you ...

- For trusting us in your home.
- For allowing us to be your home comfort company.
- For the confidence in us as HVAC experts for service, repairs and equipment installations.
- For your repeat business.

We make it our top priority to provide the best in quality products, service and installation — at the best value. Whether it's a new equipment installation project or simply time to schedule seasonal service, we're here when you need us. Call **763-498-8071** or visit **WestAirHeating.com**.

Sincerely,

Joe Lynch

Maintaining Your Cooling System Will Make For A Happy Home

Before you know it, it'll be time to switch the thermostat to cool full-time. Don't wait until it's too late to have your cooling system checked before outdoor temperatures peak. Regular maintenance is the best way to ensure your cooling system will be ready when you need it.

Benefits of Regular Maintenance:

- Avoids more costly repairs
- Increases the lifetime of your HVAC equipment
- Keeps manufacturer warranty
- Saves on energy costs
- A comfortable home!

We'll give your home comfort system a thorough inspection and report the findings to you. Keep in mind that the older your current HVAC equipment gets, the more important a comprehensive checkup becomes.

Call us at **763-498-8071** today to schedule an equipment tune-up, so you can enjoy a happy and comfortable summer.

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Time To Repair Or Replace The A/C?

Spring may be in the air, but summer is right around the corner. If your A/C struggled to keep you cool last summer it may be time to think about replacing it. Here are a few factors to help you make your decision.

Typical Lifespan of an A/C. An A/C unit typically lasts 10–15 years, but that depends on how well you take care of it, frequency of use and the conditions it operates under. All of these are critical components in caring for your HVAC

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system, as well as helping to prolong its lifespan.

Frequency of Use. This simply refers to how often your A/C unit has to turn on and off, and how hard it has to work to reach the desired temperature inside your home. If the unit powers on and off excessively, it can put some serious mileage on the equipment—not to mention using up a lot of wasted energy. It can also result in malfunction and the need for repairs.

Operating Conditions. It’s important that your A/C is able to do its job smoothly and without restriction or delay. A general rule of thumb is to replace the air filter every 2 to 3 months, and once a month if you have pets and/or allergies. Remember, all of your home’s airflow sweeps through the air filter to cool your home efficiently, so if a filter’s airways have dirt and debris buildup, the A/C will have to work much harder to perform. Not only will this energy waste and power strain cause your utilities bills to rise, but it’ll also wear out your A/C much sooner.

So the answer to whether it’s best to make equipment repairs or time for replacement comes down to how old your current A/C unit is, what it’s costing you to operate (both financially and in comfort), and what it may cost you in repairs to continue its use.

Whether you need help in choosing a new cooling system or it’s time to schedule a seasonal check for your current system, our team of home comfort experts is here for you. ■



Maintaining your current home cooling system will ensure it’s ready during those days you need it most.

Ways To Save This Cooling Season

Cooling costs can often be a strain on your budget, so follow these simple tips to help keep more money in your pocket.

Check the Filters. When an air filter is clogged, dirty or damaged, your air conditioning system can’t run as efficiently as it should.

Invest in a Programmable Thermostat (and learn how to use it!). You can set it to cool the home to fit your schedule and usage, saving you a lot of money.

Schedule Seasonal Maintenance. Regular maintenance can help spot small problems before they become big and costly. A seasonal inspection could actually save you money in the long run.

Experiment with Different Temperature Settings. Try different thermostat settings until you find the right balance between comfort and energy efficiency. Even setting the thermostat a few degrees warmer can make a difference in cooling costs. ■



There's no need to put up with high cooling costs when simple adjustments can help save money.

Tip

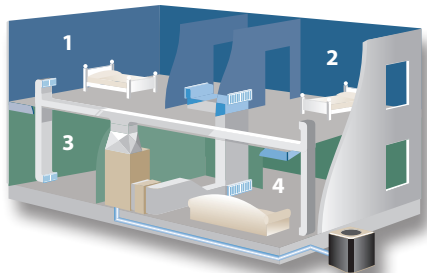
Your home office should include: a chair that offers the right back support, a desk that allows for adequate legroom and a monitor or laptop positioned at or slightly lower than eye level.

Even Cooling In Every Room

When you come home at night and turn on a light switch, do you want lights to turn on in every single room? Not if you don’t want to waste money on electricity! Similarly, setting one thermostat starts cool air flowing in every room—even if a room is unused.

A zoning system lets you control how cooled air is distributed. For example, if your family is watching TV in the living room and you’re in the kitchen cooking, you may want more cool air directed into the kitchen. Or you may need to cool your home office all day, but only need to cool an extra bedroom when guests are visiting. A zoning system allows cooling exactly where you want it.

If you’re interested in having a zoning system installed in your home, we can determine what fits best with your existing equipment. ■



Designating zones solves the problem of cooling unused areas inside your home.

Question & Answer



Ask us about air cleaning systems that offer an extra layer of protection to enhance the cleanliness and comfort of indoor air.

What are the biggest factors that affect indoor comfort?

1. Temperature: A room’s temperature is in a constant struggle. Bright sunlight coming through a window adds heat. Cracks in window or door seals allow cool air to escape. Even your body heat can affect a room’s temperature. So temperature is by far most influential to your home comfort.

2. Humidity: Humid air feels heavy and sticky, both of which add to discomfort on a hot day. If a cooled room isn’t properly dehumidified, you’ll actually feel less cool than if you were in a room with drier air that has the thermostat set a few degrees warmer.

3. Air quality: The three main offenders to indoor air quality are:

- Particles ... made up of dust, dirt, pet dander and allergens, such as pollen
- Mold, Mildew & Germs ... thrive in damp conditions and irritate allergies/asthma
- Chemical Vapors & Odors ... generated by cleaning products, paint and other household chemicals.

The right HVAC system—controlled by the proper thermostat—will address all these factors and help create an ideal indoor environment. ■

Earth & Atmosphere

The Scent Of Rain

When the first drops of rain fall to the hot, dry ground, have you ever noticed a distinctive odor? Rain itself has no scent, but right as it begins to rain, an “earthy” smell, called petrichor, permeates the air.

Plant oils are often a part of the makeup of pertrichor. During long spells of dry weather, different plants emit oils that accumulate over time in rocks and soil. When rain comes, compounds from these oils are mixed and released into the air.

Geosmin is an organic compound produced by a soil-dwelling bacteria that’s another contributor to petrichor. The force of rain landing on the ground sends bacteria airborne, emitting a musky aroma. It’s the same smell you might experience when working in a garden.

The sharp scent of ozone can also be noticeable in the scent of rain, particularly during a strong thunderstorm. A lightning bolt’s electrical charge sets off a complex process that forms ozone. And even though ozone is created high up in the atmosphere, powerful storm winds push it closer to the surface. The aroma can often be smelled by humans well ahead of a storm’s arrival. ■



Your nose can often detect when rain is heading your way.