



Is your HVAC system ready for winter?

Schedule a professional inspection

- Have your heating system inspected by a qualified HVAC professional each year, preferably before winter weather arrives. A professional can check for worn parts, airflow issues, safe operation and other problems that may not be obvious to a homeowner.

Change or clean air filters

- Check your air filter regularly and replace or clean it as needed — usually every one to three months. A dirty filter can block airflow, make your system work harder and affect indoor air quality.

Check airflow throughout the home

- Ensure all registers and vents are clean and not blocked by furniture, rugs, curtains or other items. Closing vents in unused rooms may seem like a way to save energy, but it can disrupt airflow and make your system work harder.

Reduce heat loss

- Seal drafts around windows and doors with weatherstripping or caulk. Check insulation in attics, basements and crawlspaces.

Prepare outdoor HVAC equipment

- Remove leaves, branches, grass clippings and other debris around outdoor HVAC equipment. Trim shrubs and vegetation to maintain at least 2 feet of clearance around the unit. Remember to keep units and intake/exhaust pipes free of snow and ice this winter.

Know when it may be time for a replacement

- Watch for signs such as increasing run times, uneven heating, frequent repairs, unusual noises or a system that takes too long to heat your home.