7 TIPS TO KEEP YOUR COOL

Simple things every homeowner can do to make the hot weather more comfortable inside your home.

Save heat generating activities for the evening
Whenever possible, save your “heat generating activities” like running the clothes dryer, dishwasher, or oven until evening time, when outside temperatures are lower.

Reduce solar heat gain
During daylight hours keep window treatments, like drapes and blinds, closed to reduce the “solar heat gain” in your home. This is especially important for South and West facing windows.

Utilize ceiling fans correctly
Make sure your ceiling fans are turning in the proper direction and use them whenever a room is occupied. When you look up at the fan it should be spinning counterclockwise to make the space feel cooler. But remember to turn the fan off when you leave the room.

Maintain your air conditioner
Keep up with simple maintenance for your air conditioner like changing the return air filter regularly and keeping its condensation drain clear by pouring a cup of vinegar into the line about once a month during the cooling season.

Seal the envelope of your home
Inspect the outside of your home for cracks and gaps around doors and windows that will let in warm, moist air from the outside. Seal these openings with caulk or expanding foam sealant.

Schedule a seasonal inspection
Have a professional HVAC technician inspect your air conditioner at the beginning of the season and perform any necessary preventative maintenance. This will ensure that the system is running efficiently and is ready to keep you cool all summer.

Upgrade your system
If your aging air conditioner isn’t keeping you cool, it may be time to consider an upgrade. Use this as an opportunity to enhance your home’s efficiency by swapping the older unit for a variable speed Heat Pump. Heat Pumps can cool and heat your home by removing heat and humidity from your home in warm weather to cool it and reversing that process in cool weather to heat it. This energy efficient system will allow you to maintain your home’s comfort year round.

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