

SPRING HOME COMFORT CHECKLIST

Simple A/C maintenance will keep your cool

- Clear leaves, brush and dirt from inside your air conditioner's top grill.
- Trim nearby shrubs and bushes to allow at least two feet of clearance around the unit.
- Set the thermostat to cooling mode and run the air conditioner for a few minutes to see if it is working.
- Schedule an annual checkup of your air conditioning system.
- Replace your air conditioner filter once a month. Dirty filters restrict air flow and can waste energy.
- If you use a room air conditioner, install it on a north-facing wall to keep it out of the sun.
- If you think it is time to replace your air conditioner, look for an ENERGY STAR® qualified model to help reduce cooling costs up to 20 percent.

Control your home's energy costs

- Reduce air leaks in your home by caulking, sealing and weather stripping around doors and windows.
- Use exhaust fans to reduce moisture in the kitchen and bath, but turn them off if not needed.
- Turn off lights you do not need burning to save energy and reduce extra heat in your house.
- Prepare dinner on your outdoor grill to reduce your air conditioner load.
- Check ducts for air leaks, holes or separated sections.