

SAVE MONEY ON COOLING COSTS

The average American homeowner spends $2,000 a year on energy bills. Half of that is for heating and cooling costs they can reduce with this maintenance checklist:

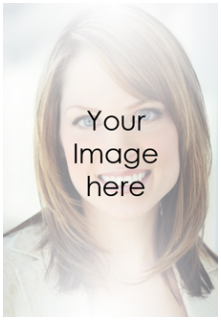
For your AC unit

- Clear the area within two feet of the unit of grass and debris.
- Replace or clean washable air filters every month.
- Check the refrigerant – having too much or too little refrigerant will reduce the efficiency and life of the unit.
- Call a pro to tighten and lubricate all of the unit's moving parts – electrical connections, components and all.
- Clean the dust off the evaporator and yard debris from your air conditioning coils.

For your home

- Install a programmable thermostat or an energy-efficient HVAC system and adjust to make it as efficient as possible.
- Look into blower door testing and weathering work to check that your home is keeping cool air inside. It's a waste to let that expensive air escape to the great outdoors.
- Ceiling fans are a quick fix and whole house fans can ramp up cooling without reaching for expensive AC.
- Use natural lighting during the day when you can. Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs, which use 75% less electricity.

For more ways to save money as a homeowner or find an energy efficient home, please call me today.



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