

REMINDER

It is very important that tenants and homeowner check and change their filters on a regular basis.

What Can Go Wrong

Most homes have some sort of furnace or heat pump, or HVAC systems. Each type uses some type of air filter or screen. A system that has a dirty filter can suffer from pressure drop, which can lead to reduced air flow, or “blow-out,” resulting in no air infiltration at all. Any of these conditions can cause the system to work harder to keep the home warm or cool (depending on the season and the setting). And any mechanical component that has to work harder to run efficiently puts undue stress on the whole system, which can lead to premature failure, resulting in repair or replacement. And an increase in energy usage.

How Often?

The filter of the unit, that will tends to get nearly year-round use, should be checked by the tenant/homeowner once a month and changed every two to three months, but possibly more often.

Check your filter’s condition and change it once a month if:

- You run your unit six months a year to year-round.
- You have pets. Pet dander can become airborne and circulate through the home’s ventilation system just as typical household dust does.
- You have a large family. More activity means more household dust, dirt and debris.
- You smoke indoors.
- You live in a particularly windy area or experience high winds for extended periods, especially if there are no nearby shrubs or trees to provide a natural windbreak.
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Change the filter immediately if:

- The filter is damaged. Whether it happened inside the packaging or while being installed, a damaged filter that has bent fins, collapsed cells or holes will not work as well as an undamaged filter, especially if it allows system air to bypass the filter at any point.
- The filter is damp. A filter affected by moisture intrusion, system condensation, or even high indoor humidity can quickly become moldy and spread airborne mold spores throughout the home via the ventilation system.
- If there is a build up that affects the airflow. Especially if you cannot see through it!!!

If you are in Band Housing/Social Housing it is the tenant’s responsibility to change the filters. Failure to do so will be considered tenant damage, as per Housing Policy.

*** 20x20x5 FILTERS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR \$30.00 ***

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