



As the temperatures rise, ensuring your air conditioning system is ready to keep your home cool and comfortable is essential. This guide provides a simple, step-by-step approach to prepare your AC for the demanding summer months. Follow these steps to ensure peak performance, energy efficiency, and a worry-free season.

Your 10-Step AC Preparation Checklist

✓ 1. Remove the Outdoor AC Cover

Leaving the cover on restricts airflow, traps moisture, and can reduce your unit's performance and longevity.

✓ 3. Check the Outdoor Disconnect Switch

Verify that the outdoor unit's disconnect switch is in the ON position to confirm the unit is receiving power. This is a common startup issue.

✓ 5. Clear Debris Around the Outdoor Unit

Remove leaves, branches, grass clippings, and dirt buildup. Maintain 12-24 inches of clear space around the unit for optimal airflow.

✓ 7. Set Your Humidifier to Summer Mode

If you have a whole-home humidifier, turn it off and set the damper to its summer position to prevent excess humidity.

✓ 9. Inspect Refrigerant Lines (Visual Check)

Look at the insulated refrigerant line for any missing insulation, visible damage, or signs of ice buildup.

✓ 2. Turn the AC Breaker Back On

Ensure your electrical panel breaker for the AC is in the ON position. Check to see if it has tripped.

✓ 4. Replace or Check Your Furnace Filter

A clean filter is crucial for better airflow, improved efficiency, cleaner indoor air, and reduced strain on your equipment.

✓ 6. Test Your Thermostat

Switch to cooling mode and listen for any unusual noises, check for weak airflow, or confirm that cool air is being produced.

✓ 8. Check Air Vents Around Your Home

Ensure all vents are open, unobstructed by furniture, and that you can feel airflow. Proper vent function is key to even cooling.

✓ 10. Book Your Spring AC Maintenance

Schedule a professional tune-up to enhance efficiency, minimize breakdown risks, extend equipment life, and identify potential issues early.

Pro Tip

Don't wait until the first 30°C day to test your AC 😊 The hottest days of the year are also the busiest for service calls.

Helpful Resources

- **Natural Resources Canada:** <https://natural-resources.canada.ca/energy-efficiency>
- **Save on Energy:** <https://www.saveonenergy.ca>

By taking these proactive steps, you can ensure your air conditioning system operates efficiently and reliably throughout the summer, providing consistent comfort for your family. ServicePlus Heating & Cooling is here to support your home comfort needs.