



## Maintaining Your Cooling System Will Make For A Happy Home

Before you know it, it'll be time to switch the thermostat to cool full-time. Don't wait until it's too late to have your cooling system checked. Some benefits of regular maintenance are:

- Avoid more costly repairs
- Increase the lifetime of your HVAC equipment
- Keep manufacturer warranty
- Save on energy costs

We'll give your system a thorough inspection and report the findings to you. Keep in mind that the older your HVAC equipment gets, the more important a comprehensive check-up becomes.

Call **ARNOLD MOOS COMPANY** at **210-655-5112** today to schedule an equipment check, so you can enjoy a happy and comfortable summer.

## Insist On Quality!

Contrary to popular belief, top quality does not always mean top prices. It does, however, often mean the difference between a home comfort system that merely sees you through the seasons and one that greatly enhances the year-round comfort inside your home.

In terms of equipment, quality HVAC systems are those that are backed not only by a proven record of performance, but also by manufacturers who continually strive to maintain a solid reputation. These manufacturers work hand-in-hand with the companies that sell and service their product — keeping their product manuals and reference materials updated, as well as offering in-depth technician training programs. They realize their continuing success, to a large extent, depends on the reliability, expertise and integrity of the companies representing their products to consumers. As a result, when service is required on one of these systems, the technicians will be knowledgeable and well trained, and the dealers reputable.

By insisting on quality with your home comfort system, you're not automatically going to spend more money. You can be assured, however, that you'll add greater long-term satisfaction to your purchase decision — which all adds up to the best value and greatest peace of mind.

Sincerely,

Call us for all of your HVAC and Plumbing needs.



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### TUNE-UP REMINDER

**Air conditioning season is almost here and we want you and your family to keep cool!**

Call **ARNOLD MOOS COMPANY** today at

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to schedule your planned service tune-up and stay cool.

### ACT NOW AND SAVE

**Out with the Old and in with a New Trane System.**

**Special Financing or Instant Rebate on Qualifying Trane Equipment.**

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ON THE HOMEFRONT



## Create A Healthier Home Environment

Spring is often an ideal time to put household projects into action. And whether it's repairing damaged or broken items, or expanding your living space, consider how improvement projects can be geared toward making your home healthier.

Creating a healthy home means different things to different people. You may be one who likes to incorporate eco-friendly products, or a parent with young children or a mobility-impaired senior who wants a home that's free from potential hazards.

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Closing supply vents in unused rooms increases pressure inside ductwork, causing inefficiency similar to a dirty air filter.

## insideyourhome

### Supply And Return Vents 101

If your home has central heating and cooling, it has a network of ducts that provide a pathway for air to cycle to and from your heating and cooling system. When your air handler is running, it's simultaneously blowing air into rooms and sucking air out of them.

Supply vents are the covers for the openings in each room, through which conditioned air is blown out. This air travels from the HVAC system, through ductwork and out of the supply vents.

Return vents cover larger openings and are connected to the return ducts. When your air handler is running, it sucks the air from rooms into the return vents and back to your system.

Supply and return vents are designed to work together in order to maintain a pressure balance. Make sure you don't have furniture or anything else blocking any vents. By keeping them clear, air is not restricted and will flow efficiently. ●

## tidbit

Two warning signs it may be time to replace your A/C: 1) It runs much louder than normal; 2) It costs a lot more than usual to keep your home cool.

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Others may view a healthy home as one that will alleviate seasonal allergies. Here are just a few ways to make your home environment healthier:

**Be aware of furniture materials.** Toxic PBDEs, which are chemicals used as flame retardants on furniture fabrics produced prior to 2006, can send toxins into the air. Some manufacturers may still use these flame retardants in new forms, but with similar risks. Before purchasing furniture, ask if a product is treated, and select naturally fire-resistant materials like wool and cotton.

**Lighten up.** Lighting can have a dramatic impact on whether a home feels inviting, warm and/or uplifting. Experiment with different types of bulbs and lighting fixtures to turn drab and dreary rooms into brighter places. Proper lighting also improves safety.

**Eliminate tripping hazards.** Consider the color, placement and number of area rugs in your home. And add nightlights in hallways to help make it easier to see obstacles.

**Declutter the home.** Besides attracting dust and making a home harder to clean, a cluttered space can affect emotions. Adding storage shelves or cabinets can help keep items organized. Whether your project is big or small, a spruced-up home can help you and your family relax and recharge — and that's a very healthy way to enjoy your home. ●



Left unchecked, an A/C system can lose 5% of its operating efficiency due to dust and dirt buildup. Call us to schedule an A/C tune-up now so you can enjoy a comfortable summer!

## safetyfacts

### Kitchen Safety Tips

Cooking for your family can create many happy memories, but don't forget that the kitchen can be a dangerous place. Here are a few ways to keep it safe:

**Keep kids and pets out.** Not only can they be a distraction, but they can easily hurt themselves by getting into raw food, pulling hot pots off the stove, or tripping you.

**Wear shoes and safe clothing.** Feet need to be protected in case something drops. Sleeves shouldn't be loose and flowy as they could easily get caught on a pot handle or catch fire.



Never leave a child unattended in the kitchen. Accidents can happen in a flash!

**Always use hot pads.** Keep a good selection of hot pads and oven mitts on hand. And don't forget that even microwave-safe dishes can get quite hot.

**Clean up spills promptly.** Water, food or grease on the floor could cause someone to fall.

**Learn how to use knives.** Keep knives sharp, since a dull knife can slip and cut you. Hold food with your non-dominant hand, fingers curled under. Go slowly and always pay attention to what you're doing.

**Keep a first aid kit and fire extinguisher on hand.** Know where they're stored in case of an injury or small fire. ●



**Question:** Can indoor air aggravate allergies and asthma?

**Answer:** Most definitely! Poor indoor air quality can worsen chronic asthma and allergies, and can cause headaches, itchy eyes, nasal congestion and even fatigue. Your first instinct may be to open the windows to let air circulate, but during the spring and summer, when the pollution index and pollen count are high, it's best to leave your windows closed and run your air conditioner.

Make sure you use the highest-quality air filters for your cooling system, and change them on a regular basis. You might also consider installing the Trane CleanEffects™ air cleaner, a whole-house air cleaner that is added to your central heating and cooling system. It removes up to 99.98% of airborne particles from the air that passes through the filter, which results



in a reduction of potential asthma and allergy attack triggers. In fact, CleanEffects is asthma and allergy certified by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. We'll be happy to provide more details on how CleanEffects can improve your indoor air quality. ●

