## **HVAC** Terms you should be familiar with

**Condensing pressure:** The pressure at which the refrigerant is phase changing from a vapor to a liquid.

**Evaporating pressure:** The pressure at which the refrigerant is phase changing from a liquid to a vapor.

**Latent heat:** Heat energy that causes a change in phase of a substance without a change in temperature of the substance.

**Saturated temperature:** The temperature that a fluid will phase change from liquid to vapor or vapor to liquid.

**Sensible heat:** Heat energy that causes a change in the temperature of a substance.

**Subcooling:** A liquid at a temperature below its saturation temperature for a given pressure.

**Superheated vapor:** Any vapor above its saturation temperature for a given pressure.

**Vapor pressure:** Pressure exerted on a saturated liquid.

