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## Managing Central A/C While on Vacation

As you prep your home for the time away, it's important to plan for how you will manage certain systems in the home during your vacation.

If saving the most energy is your primary concern, turn the system off completely, although we recommend you turn the thermostat up while away, not off. If you're only going to be gone for a short time, just a day or two, it's better to keep the air conditioner on, but set at a higher temperature.

Cooling an empty house to the temperature you'd be comfortable at while home can be wasteful and unnecessary. While it puts some extra strain on your central A/C to return a hot house to a more comfortable temperature, you'll save energy and keep the humidity level under control by leaving it on.

## Other Factors to Consider

### Weather

Check the local forecast for the timeframe you will be away as the weather plays an important role as to whether to turn the A/C on or off. If the weather will be relatively mild, it may be best to simply turn the A/C off since there is a minimal risk of heat building up indoors. If, however, forecast is promising scorching temperatures, consider keeping the A/C on. This will help prevent your cooling appliances from running overtime to compensate for the high temperatures in your home.

### Efficiency

The overall energy efficiency of your home will also help determine if you should turn your cooling system off while away. Homes with ample attic insulation, lower air infiltration and efficient windows have a higher resistance to heat buildup.

Adding solar window films or thermal drapes can help improve inefficient windows. If you can minimize air leaks, your home will be able to retain cooler temperatures for a longer period of time.

### Protecting Other Parts of Your Home

Keeping the air circulating in your home while away will help the system do an important part of its job — that is, keeping the humidity down inside. Moisture holds heat, which will make your system work harder to cool down the home upon your return. In addition, the extra moisture can impact other features of your home, including wood floors, doors and cabinetry.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



### **John Ritchhart, Commercial Service Technician**

John has been with Affordable Air since April, 2017. John lives in Frankfort and likes to go hiking local trails and area caves. He also has two dachshunds.



### **Jeremy Shewalter, Installation Technician**

Jeremy has been with Affordable Air since January, 2018. He has 2 daughters that keep him very active. He is also a veteran of the United States Army.

## GOT QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ANSWERS!

### **Q: I'm always hot, do I need a bigger air conditioner?**

**A:** This is a myth. Your house doesn't need the biggest air conditioner available to stay cool. It just needs one that's appropriately sized for your square footage. An oversized unit will constantly cycle on and off, not dehumidify your home properly, waste energy, increase wear on your equipment, and likely require frequent costly repairs down the road.

Set your fan to the "on" position to circulate air throughout your home and eliminate warm and cold pockets. If you've still got certain rooms that are too warm, consider a ductless split system to take control of that area, without overcooling your entire house. It uses heat pump technology to transfer heat out of your home in summer, and draw it in during winter for year-round comfort. It's an affordable, easy-to-install unit that is effective, quiet, and more efficient than a window air conditioner.



**BE SURE TO CHANGE YOUR FILTER FREQUENTLY. A CLOGGED FILTER CAN CAUSE YOUR AIR CONDITIONER TO FREEZE UP AND CAN LEAD TO COSTLY REPAIRS.**

## AIR CONDITIONING? YES PLEASE!

We are told all the time that air conditioning is bad for our health. Read the pros and cons listed below and then decide for yourself.

### Pros:

1. Extreme heat has a clear negative impact on the intellect and on physical activity and the use of air conditioning can go some way to rectifying this.
2. It improves comfort levels at work and at leisure.
3. It improves job performance.
4. It can result in increased physical and intellectual activity.
5. A lower temperature reduces the presence of insects and parasites.
6. Lower temperatures mean less sweating, reducing the risk of dehydration.
7. A clean air conditioning system helps exclude external allergens such as pollens.
8. If the air conditioning installation is good, and if it is well maintained, it renews and improves air quality.

### Cons:

1. Sudden changes in temperature and humidity affect the respiratory system.
2. It has a drying effect on skin and mucous membranes.
3. It adds to ambient noise, contributing to noise pollution.
4. The air circulation can transmit infectious respiratory diseases.
5. Airborne dust and fungi can cause allergic reactions.
6. Air conditioning is associated with chronic rhinitis and pharyngitis, throat irritation and hoarseness.

## **USEFUL TIP!**

**If you see flood water has reached your air conditioner, you should immediately turn off the power to the unit. Do this from your home's breaker box. It's also a good idea to cut off the power to every part of your house that's flooded. The faster you do this, the better.**

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**FOR YOUR**

**SOUL**

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## GET OUTSIDE!



Trees, flowers, grass, wildlife, and sunshine all help you to automatically relax, de-stress and feel nourished right down to your soul. Nature also tends to look and smell amazing. What's great is you can find some form of nature no matter where you are.

So, get out there and feed your soul with some sunbathing, gardening, playing or watching wildlife!

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