

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

A New Wardrobe For Your Heat Pump

(NAPSA)—Here's a cool idea: Homeowners can bring style to their home heating and cooling system. The York® brand of Johnson Controls offers a choice of panels in colors and designs that are unique in the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) industry. The units are available in a choice of seven colors—standard Champagne or Terra-Cotta, Jet Black, Stone, Bermuda, Chocolate or Gunmetal—to complement your home's exterior, landscaping and lifestyle.

The company also offers loyal alumni and sports fans condensing unit panels that bear the logo of more than 77 prominent colleges and universities. The logos are applied to painted, customized panels that replace the standard condensing-unit panels, so you can proudly display your favorite college logo on your lawn.

Although older heat pumps are not eligible for this new look, they can still be cleaned up in preparation for colder days ahead.

- Begin by removing any visible debris around the outside unit, including leaves and plants. Trim shrubs at least 18 inches from all sides of the heat pump.

- Clean or change your filters. Dirty filters reduce airflow, which decreases system performance and can lead to compressor damage. Most manufacturers recommend changing disposable filters monthly and cleaning reusable filters every other month.

- Remove several supply and return registers to see if the ducts need cleaning.



- Make an appointment with a service technician for an inspection to ensure the most efficient operation of your heat pump. The inspection should include a check of the compressor, fan, indoor and outdoor coils, refrigerant lines and refrigerant pressure.

- Run your system through a full heating cycle to be certain your heat pump is operating properly.

- If you use supplemental heat with your heat pump, be careful not to manually set back your heat pump's thermostat and cause the more expensive electric resistance heat (backup heat) to turn on.

- Finally, consider replacing an aging and inefficient heat pump with a more energy-efficient unit, such as one from the York® Affinity™ series of air conditioners and heat pumps manufactured by Johnson Controls, and take advantage of the unique color and college logo design options available to you.

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