

ENERGY NEWS AND NOTES

Cool Ways To Get Your Air Conditioner In Shape

(NAPSA)—Surprising as it may sound, cold weather may offer homeowners a great opportunity to get their home's air conditioner running smoothly before they need it.

There are several pre-season steps consumers can take to make the warm weather—when it arrives—more bearable, while reducing the stress on their air conditioners.

Here are some tips from the U.S. Department of Energy and the experts at York® Heating and Cooling:

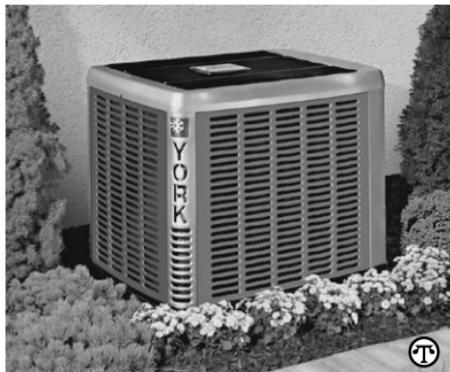
- Don't air-condition the whole neighborhood. Caulking and weather stripping will help keep cool air inside during the summer.

- Inspect the duct work for holes or separated joints, and hire a professional to repair them.

- Add insulation around air-conditioning ducts, when they are located in unconditioned spaces such as attics, crawl spaces and garages; do the same for whole-house fans where they open to the exterior or attic.

- Homeowners should check the SEER (seasonal energy efficiency ratio) rating of their air-conditioning unit. Upgrading to a higher SEER rating can save homeowners hundreds of dollars a year on their energy bills.

If it is not economically feasible to repair the AC unit and it needs to be replaced, homeown-



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ers may want to consider an energy-efficient model, such as the York Affinity™ 15 SEER air conditioner.

New models are ENERGY STAR® qualified, use environmentally friendly refrigerant and have high-efficiency scroll compressors that enhance reliability and contribute to the quiet operation of the units.

One cool feature of the York Affinity unit is that it also comes with the choice of color. The units come standard in champagne or consumers can select these accent color panel colors: bermuda, stone, jet black, gunmetal, terra-cotta or chocolate to complement their homes, landscaping and lifestyles.

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