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How to Do Simple Air Conditioning Maintenance by YasmeenP

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If youâ€™re a homeowner, then you know that there are many responsibilities that go along with the investment. You have to stay on top of the various aspects of your house such as the furnace, gutters, and air conditioning unit. Following is a step-by-step tutorial on how to perform simple air conditioning maintenance.

Materials:

â€¢ Replacement filters

â€¢ Plastic sheets

â€¢ Duct tape (possible)

Tools:

â€¢ Garden hose

â€¢ Screwdriver

â€¢ Brush

â€¢ Heavy-duty gloves

1. Turn off power to the air conditioner

This is the most important step of how to perform air conditioning maintenance. If you neglect to turn off the power leading to the unit, then you could potentially electrocute yourself. Read your unitâ€™s manufacturerâ€™s instructions regarding how to discharge the capacitor, and then turn off the electrical power before you continue.

2. Remove the unitâ€™s cover and clean interior

Using your screwdriver, take off the cover of your air conditioning unit. Cover any electrical components with plastic sheets to protect them, then use a garden hose to spray down the grills and fans from the inside, removing any potential debris. Then use your soft brush to scrub the coil fins. If there are any coil fins that are bent, straighten them out with a gloved hand.

3. Replace air filters

Double check to ensure that you have the right type and size air filter for your air conditioning unit. Some systems require you to simply wash out the filter and replace it without you having to purchase a brand new filter. If you do need to replace your filter, pull out the old one and dispose of it. Then put the new filter into your unit. Be sure to regularly clean or replace your air conditioning filter in order to ensure that your system is operating as efficiently as possible.

4. Test your system

Now itâ€™s time to test and ensure that everything is working as it should. Replace the cover of your air

conditioning unit (after removing the plastic sheeting) and turn on the power. If everything is working as it should be, check for any air leaks that are present. If you do find any leaks, seal them up with duct tape. If you find that your unit isnâ€™t working as it should, contact an air conditioning technician.

There you have itâ€"how to sufficiently perform simple air conditioning maintenance to ensure that your unit continues to work effectively.

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