

Spring HVAC Maintenance Checklist

Filter Maintenance

- Replace HVAC filters (every 1-3 months)
- Use high-efficiency filters (MERV 8-13)

Thermostat Settings

- Switch thermostat to cooling mode
- Program optimal spring/summer temperatures
- Upgrade to a smart thermostat (optional)

Outdoor Condenser Unit

- Remove leaves, debris, grass clippings
- Gently rinse coils with hose (no pressure washer)
- Check for physical damage or corrosion

Indoor Vents and Registers

- Vacuum out dust and debris
- Ensure vents are not blocked by furniture or curtains
- Keep all vents open

System Operation Test

- Run AC through a full cooling cycle
- Listen for strange noises
- Watch for odd smells (electrical, mold, etc.)

Refrigerant Lines Inspection (Visual Only)

- Check refrigerant line insulation
- Look for frost, leaks, or wear

Ductwork Inspection (DIY Level)

- Check exposed ducts for leaks, gaps, disconnected sections
- Apply HVAC foil tape as a temporary fix

Drain Lines and Drain Pan

- Clear the condensate drain line

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- Inspect the drain pan for standing water

Schedule Professional Service if Needed

- For tasks like refrigerant checks or deep coil cleaning
- Prevents expensive mid-summer breakdowns