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Let Your Air Conditioner Help Pay for Your Summer Vacation

During summer, we're often thinking about kids' activities, or vacations and long weekends, or maybe some special projects around the house. But with the temperatures we can expect in this part of Indiana this summer, there's one other thing that should also be in our summer plans: air conditioning maintenance.

In Indianapolis we've seen some hot summers, and we can expect to see off-the-chart temps again this season. That's why air conditioning maintenance is so important. Air conditioning is a basic need – and at times a true lifesaver. Routine maintenance also provides energy-savings benefits that can go in your vacation fund instead of to the energy bill!

Here are some areas that routine maintenance will cover:

- **Inspecting and cleaning both the indoor and outdoor coils.** That may sound like gibberish to you, but it's pretty important to your home comfort. See, the indoor coil in your air conditioner acts as a magnet for dust because it is constantly wetted during the cooling season. Dirt build-up on the indoor coil is the single most common cause of poor efficiency. The outdoor coil should also be checked periodically for dirt build-up and cleaned if necessary.
- **Checking the refrigerant charge.** No, not hooking up electrodes to your Frigidaire. The circulating fluid in your air conditioner is a special refrigerant gas that is put in when the system is installed. If the system is overcharged (or undercharged) with refrigerant, it will not work properly. It requires a delicate balance to work properly. During routine maintenance, we check the fluid and adjust it appropriately.
- **Vacuuming to clear the drain.** This will help you avoid backup that could cause mold growth in your air conditioner and water damage to ceilings and walls.

While a professionally trained service technician (like one from Action Air) should be the only one working on your equipment, there are a couple of things you can do:

- **Keep your outdoor condenser unit free from debris.** Shrubbery, leaves, grass or dirt could impede the flow of air from the unit, wasting energy and money.
- **Clean or change the air filter monthly.** If the filter becomes clogged, your system has to work harder and longer to do the same job. That means you're spending more on energy than you have to.

Is your system showing signs of "maintenance neglect?" [Schedule your tune-up today.](#)

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