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What you need to know to improve and protect your home value

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QUESTION:

What Can You Do To Maintain A Healthy HVAC System?

ANSWER:

AIR FILTERS: The #1 most important, and perhaps the easiest, action that you can take to help maintain a healthy HVAC system is --- **CHANGE YOUR AIR FILTER (S) AS RECOMMENDED.** Dirty filters restrict air flow, reducing efficiency and worse case, can cause the evaporator to ice up. Disposable, fiberglass filters should be replaced as recommended. Electrostatic, or electronic, filters begin to lose efficiency in as little as 30 days, and may need a cleaning every month.

DUCTS: Another area that needs monitoring and periodic cleaning is your ductwork. Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning duct systems have been shown to act as a collection source for a variety of contaminants that have the potential to affect health, such as mold, fungi, bacteria, and very small particles of dust. The removal of such contaminants from the HVAC system and home should be considered as one component in an overall plan to improve indoor air quality. If you would like more information, please contact Doug Horgan, BOWA Customer Service Manager @703-928-6643.



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