

# Seal and Improve Your Home's Cooling Efficiency

As temperatures rise, your cooling system works harder to keep your home comfortable. Small air leaks and blocked airflow can make it even harder to maintain consistent temperatures.

The good news is that a few simple updates can improve your home's efficiency and help your cooling system run more effectively all summer long.

## What You'll Need

- ▶ Weatherstripping or caulk
- ▶ Replacement air filter
- ▶ Screwdriver
- ▶ Vacuum or duster
- ▶ Garden hose

### Step 1: Seal Air Leaks Around Windows and Doors

Check for gaps where cool air may be escaping. Apply weatherstripping or caulk around windows and doors to keep conditioned air inside and reduce the strain on your system.

### Step 2: Replace Your Air Filter

A clogged air filter can restrict airflow and reduce efficiency. Replace your filter if it looks dusty or dirty. This is one of the easiest ways to help your system run smoothly.

### Step 3: Clear and Clean Your Outdoor Unit

Make sure your outdoor unit is free from leaves, grass, and debris. Gently rinse it with a garden hose to remove buildup and allow proper airflow.

### Step 4: Check Indoor Vents and Airflow

Walk through your home and make sure vents are open and not blocked by furniture or rugs. Proper airflow helps your home cool more evenly.



### Step 5: Adjust for Everyday Efficiency

Set your thermostat to reflect your daily routine. Even small adjustments can help reduce energy use while keeping your home comfortable.

With just a few simple updates, you can improve your home's cooling efficiency, stay more comfortable, and make the most of your energy use this summer.

## A Quick Safety Reminder

Before working around your outdoor unit, turn off power at the breaker to avoid injury.

Never reach inside the unit while it is running, and avoid using high-pressure water when cleaning to prevent damage.