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# Why are clean air filters important to you?

To change the temperature in your home, your heating and air-conditioning system sucks in air from a room, pulls it over coils to heat or chill it, then blows the tempered air through ducts to the other rooms in your home. The air filter is stationed at the point where air is pulled into the system. It traps air-born particles that get sucked in with the air and keeps them from blocking the blower and clogging up the coils. Clogged coils can't heat or cool the air passing over them, and they may damage the system. So, the air filter helps your heating and cooling system do its job, keeps it running efficiently and protects it so it will last longer.

Filters also help to keep dust from building up in your ducts, or being blown into other rooms of your house. In recent years, this air cleaning function has become more important to homeowners, and manufacturers have designed filters that use your heating and air system to remove microscopic particles like dust, pollen, pet dander, bacteria, plant and mold spores, and even smoke from the air in your home.

It's an often heard maxim: Clean air filters save energy and money. Routinely changing or cleaning the filters from your home's heating and air conditioning system helps the units run more efficiently and enjoy a longer lifespan. But what do these filters really do? How can you tell if they're working? How often should you change them, and what should you do if they look clean when it's time to replace them?

A properly sized, installed and functioning heating and air system circulates the air in your home every hour. In the process, it pulls the air through the filter. Just how much the filter cleans the air depends on the MERV rating of the filter.

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# **Spring Into Spring**

#### Start off with Spring Cleaning

It's good to have a fresh, clean home in the new season. After winter, your home is probably in need of a good airing and tidying up of things that have accumulated during the winter

#### Consider getting a new look

Spring is a great time for considering a makeover of your existing look. Have you had the same hairstyle for the past several years? Is your wardrobe due for an update?

#### Find new ways to Relax

Spring is a wonderful time of blossom, scent and relief after the colder days. Think of all the butterflies blooming, the bees buzzing, and the smell of freshly-mowed grass. Allow yourself to unwind from the hardships of winter forbearance and rediscover how to relax.

#### Pick or buy some new flowers

Fresh flowers from your own garden or from a local flower provider will make your house colorful and pretty.

#### Go outside

As soon as the weather begins to warm up, spend more time outdoors. If you've been exercising indoors a lot, switch to some more outdoor exercise to benefit from the fresh air and sunshine.

www.wikihow.com/spring-into-spring

#### Why are clean air filters important to you? (cont.)

MERV stands for Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value. MERV ratings indicate the size of particles that a filter can remove from the air passing through it. MERV's range from 1 to 16, with a higher number indicating a higher cleaning efficiency because it can filter smaller particles out of the air. The cheap, 1-inch thick, disposable filters made of jumbled fiberglass or natural fiber strands typically have a MERV rating of 1 but can go up to 4. Pleated filters made of nonwoven, disposable fabric have smaller pores, and the pleats increase the surface area of the filter so it can hold more particles than a flat surface can.

The particle catching efficiency actually goes up as the filter gets dirty; buildup on the fibers shrinks the openings the air passes through and allows the filter to capture more particles. This is good only up to a point. The particle-removing efficiency of the filter is inversely related to the energy efficiency of your heating and air system. A by-product of cleaning the air is a restriction of the air-flow through the system. A clogged filter may cause your system to run continuously, driving up your heating or cooling bills. That's why it's important to check your filters monthly and change them when they get dirty.

If your filter looks clean after its been in place for the recommended time, here are some things you should check:

- 1. Does the filter fit properly into the holder? If the filter is loose or too small for the space, the air can circulate around it instead of going through it. Measure the filter space and purchase a filter
- 2. Is the filter installed upside down? There is a correct air-flow direction for most air filters. Look for arrows on the filter frame, and install the filter so that the arrows point toward the fan.
- Is the filter you're using right for the job you want it to do? If you're using a low-end filter, it's not going to catch much dust. Upgrade to a filter with a higher MERV rating to increase the cleaning efficiency.
- Check your rate of air exchange. If your system is functioning properly, it should run for about 15 minutes per cycle, with a cycle rate of not more than three in an hour. If it runs shorter cycles, it isn't creating the desired rate of air exchange. Call a professional and get your system checked.



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#### What's in a MERV?

The Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value, or MERV, is an industry standard rating to let consumers know how well an air filter cleans the air passing through it. Most filters will state the MERV rating on the packaging. It indicates the size of particles, measured in microns, which a filter will capture. The higher the MERV rating is, the smaller the particle it can grab. To give you an idea of particle size:

- A human hair is around 60 to 75 microns.
- Dust particles range between 0.5 to 5 microns.
- Pollen can be as big as 100 microns or as small as
- Smoke carries particles as small as 0.3 microns.

[sources: INDA, Howarth and Reid, www.howstuffworks.com]

#### EGG CARTON: Paint the bottom of each compartment a different color, then challenge kids to find natural souvenirs in a matching hue.

MAGNIFYING GLASS: Encourage your family to take a closer look at things and discover treasures hidden in plain view, such as the silvery veins on a leaf or tiny mites on a decaying log.

MAGNETS: Run a strong magnet across the soil to see if the iron bits are lurking about (they'll stick to the magnet).

# **SPRING TIME**

**Nature Corner** 

#### WATER-FILLED SPRAY BOTTLE:

See how a gentle spritz can change the look of things, such as spider webs and color shifting rocks.

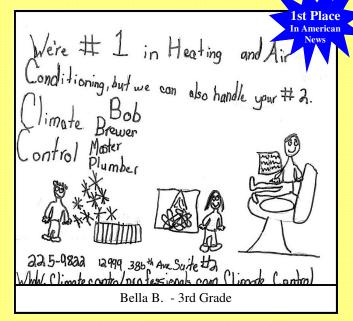
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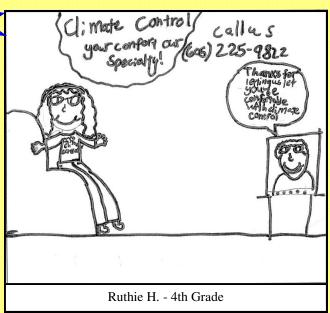
Cut a 1/2 inch square in a note card and cover the hole with a piece of clear tape. Press the sticky side against the soil, then use a magnifying glass to discover its individual components.

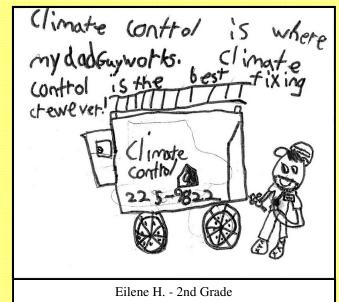


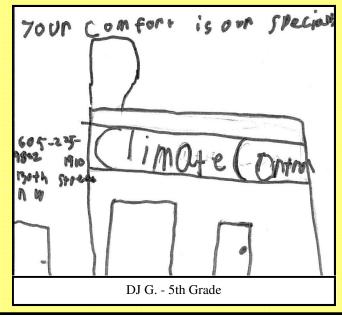
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## Riddles

- 1. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
- 2. What begins with T ends with T and has T in it?
- 3. What gets wetter as it dries?
- 4. What is round on both sides but high in the middle?

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- 2. .5 to 5 microns is how small particles are.
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Answers



1. A clock 2. A TeaPot 3. A Towel 4. Ohio



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