

A Breath *of* Fresh Air!

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Did You Know?

■ Canada has lots of fresh water and, it appears, we're not afraid to use it. On the average, Canadians use more fresh water per day than the average person anywhere. And water here, though abundant, isn't cheap. That means we pay a lot for our water every month.

■ You really don't have to use as much water as you do. We'll show you how to audit your water use and take action to save based on your findings.

■ Whether you get a paper or digital bill, the information is all there to calculate exactly how much you use.

■ If you have to calculate the daily use yourself, simply take the total amount of water and divide number of days in the billing period. It is likely measured in litres, so you don't have to do any further conversion after that.



Ways To Reduce Your Water Usage

1. Take showers instead of baths. And, always try to keep your showers short and utilitarian.
2. Use the dishwasher instead of washing dishes by hand. Modern dishwashers are amazingly efficient. Most people will leave the faucet running as they hand wash, an incredibly wasteful habit.
3. Water your garden early in the morning or in the evening. If the sun is up, almost 50 per cent of the water used evaporates. So work around the sun. Or, even better, collect rainwater in a big tub and use that for your garden and lawn.
4. Install new toilets. A new toilet can reduce your bathroom water use by up to 75 per cent. There's no reason to wait on this one, as it will pay for itself through savings very quickly.
5. Fix all leaky faucets. About 14 per cent of all residential water is lost due to leaking fixtures.
6. Turn off all the water in the house and look at the number on your water meter. Wait an hour and re-check the meter. No leaks if the number is the same; leaks if the number has changed.

YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW MANY OF THESE TIPS. BUT WE'RE SO PASSIONATE ABOUT CONSERVING CANADA'S WATER THAT WE THOUGHT WE'D TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE REMINDER!

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Make Sure To Keep The Drain Tubes Clear

Condensation builds up in the air conditioning system and drains through a series of tubes. When left stagnant, the pipes are a breeding ground for mould and fungus, which can spread and clog your whole drainage system.

As part of regular air conditioner maintenance every year, your ClimateCare specialist employs a high powered vacuum to suck everything out of the pipes.

Between maintenance visits, take a look at the drain monthly. If you notice any sort of liquid stagnating in your drain pan or in the pipe, try to clear the debris blocking its escape.

To keep gunk from growing in the first place, every three months you should add 1/4 cup bleach mixed with 3/4 cup water directly to your drain line's access port (usually a T-valve).

If the plug on your access port has a wire coming out of it, make sure to switch off your A/C's breaker before you remove the cap.



Air Conditioners Need Regular Maintenance

Just like ordinary wear and tear on your car necessitates regular maintenance, exposure to the elements and the consistent, heavy workload means your air conditioner requires some TLC from time to time to.

A yearly maintenance visit helps catch small problems before they develop into something big. Something as innocent as a layer of leaves on your outdoor unit can eventually cause your entire system to fail. And repairs are so much more expensive than an HVAC preventative maintenance visit.

Replace Or Clean Furnace Air Filter Monthly



There's no more important chore to protect your family's health than regular air filter changes.

Dirty air filters don't clean the air feeding into your house. You won't notice until you replace the air filter how poor the air quality in your house was.

Air filters should be replaced/cleaned once a month. For 1" filters, look for ones that you can't see through when held up to the light to make sure it's actually doing the job in the first place. For larger washable filters, thoroughly rinse and dry every 30 days.

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It's Time To Get Smart!

The smart thermostat revolution is in full effect. In fact, it's predicted that the smart thermostat element of the home heating system industry will be a \$4.4 billion (USD) industry by 2025.

More and more homeowners are upgrading to smart thermostats, or asking that they be installed into any new home construction project.

If you're thinking of getting a new thermostat for your home, call us today. We can answer questions about things you'll want to know like: installation, pricing, usage, energy savings and compatibility.

Call Us Today To Start Saving

If you would like to learn more about the eco-friendly, energy efficient benefits of smart thermostats, talk to a ClimateCare expert today. We're committed to providing you with the best customer service experience possible, and will answer any questions you may have about why this system may be the right choice to meet your needs for saving on energy use and costs. Ready to start reducing today? Call us today and get started!

It's Important To Keep Your A/C Unit Clean

A clogged condenser is the most common reason for early-summer emergency repair calls to your ClimateCare technician. Through the fall, winter and spring seasons, your A/C condenser gets clogged with leaves and dirt. This impedes the circulation and eventually prevents your unit from cooling down the house at all.

On the first of every month, visually inspect your air conditioner unit. Be sure to trim back any grass, weeds, hedges, or other plants. You should also remove any leaves or dirt you see stuck inside. Finally, switch off your air conditioner and rinse off the outside surface. A garden hose with a spray nozzle works just fine.

