

Anchor Heating & Air's **HOME**sense

Smart & simple ways to enrich your home living.



— IT'S ABOUT TIME! —

How to Get Your System in Top Condition

You wouldn't wake up from a Rip Van Winkle sleep and head out to run a marathon without preparing your body to last the distance. Similarly, your cooling system is just waking up from a long winter's nap and could use a little TLC before its hot weather run.

When a system sits idle for a season, dirt accumulates and connections loosen, and it might not be ready to keep you comfortable in rising temperatures. Yet, a simple system tune-up can provide the conditioning your AC needs to restore it to energy-efficient and trouble-free operation.



A professional technician can thoroughly inspect your system's electrical components, tighten connections and check for corrosion. He can also test controls, check motor and refrigerant levels, as well as check and change out the air filter if needed.

In addition, a tech will also check your system's evaporating and condensing unit coils – cleaning them of built-up dirt and debris.

Having clean evaporating and condensing coils is important because if they are dirty, your compressor will put in extra work to keep you cool. That extra work sends energy bills higher and also puts pressure on the compressor that could lead to premature failure. So the extra running time costs more in energy dollars and pushes up the timeframe for when you'll pay to replace the compressor.

It just makes sense to be proactive. In order to be an athlete in good condition, you take care of your body. If you want your car to travel long distances, you provide proper maintenance. And if you want peak performance in your cooling system, call us to schedule your tune-up.

MY WORD

BY BARRY TYSOR



Hello
Friends,

After a busy winter serving customers and keeping folks like you comfortable, spring brings a welcoming change in the air. Well, maybe there's a change in the temperature on the thermometer, but not with our mission in serving you.

We're still here to keep you comfortable, and that means taking care of your heating and cooling system every season of the year.

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Save Your Sanity

— HOT NEWS NOW —

How Smart Is Your Home?

Smart technologies are making life easier and more convenient (assuming you know how to operate the technologies).

Digital assistants like Alexa help you get information or entertainment. Doorbell cameras let you see who's at the front door (wherever you are). Smart locks use geofencing technology to unlock your door as you arrive in the driveway. Home security systems can be set or disabled from any location. Your lighting has smart switches. Robotic vacuums scoop up pet hair while you're at work. Then there's the centerpiece for running your smart home: the smart thermostat.

Since the first WiFi-enabled thermostat controls were introduced to homeowners about

seven years ago, your options for managing your heating and cooling anytime, anywhere have been ever expanding.

Essentially, you operate thermostat controls through an app on your smartphone or tablet or through access via a web browser. Thus, you can turn the system on or off, raise or lower temperatures on the spot, set schedules based on family activity or override the schedule when someone heads home early.

Some smart thermostats offer basic scheduling and programming options for your home comfort, while others will connect to additional devices for an integrated home system. In some cases, you can connect to your digital assistants like Alexa to use voice commands to change temperature settings.

Call us to learn more about the convenience and energy savings you'll find with smart thermostats.

Spring, with all its promise and growth, is finally here. But if you're anything like us, one thing you're not looking forward to is the spring "to do" list. There's organizing, cleaning and the rush of schedules that come with warmer weather. So try these tips to keep your sanity:

- **Prioritize.** There's something about spring that makes us go into overdrive. There's the mile-long cleaning list, the home maintenance list... It's endless. Start by deciding what things



Stay in touch with your thermostat.

Whether you're adjusting temperature settings away from home or potential comfort problems occur, smart thermostats keep you informed.

Don't leave your thermostat hanging on the wall all day without hearing from the family it loves to comfort.

To get a smart thermostat, call **Anchor Heating & Air** at **770-691-0259** by **May 31, 2018** to save 10% off the installation.

— TAKE THAT! (AND THIS TOO!) —

Removing Refrigerator Odors

Keeping a fresh box of opened baking soda in your refrigerator will help absorb most odors that accumulate

over time (such as when leftovers begin to turn into a science project).

If an odor is persistent, you'll need to advance to the "thorough cleaning" stage. Start by removing the food contents, discarding any spoiled or expired food. Place

Lemony Delight



have to get done, and what things you'd just like to get done. As you go through your lists, if you can't make it to everything, at least you have taken care of the most important things.

- **Don't procrastinate.** I know, I know. Some things aren't fun. But putting them off is the fastest way for little things to become big things. That small leak in the roof that becomes a disaster, the weird noise coming from your car engine that actually means your engine needs life support – being proactive is your best line of defense.
- **Build in time for fun.** A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down, and a bit of fun makes the "have to" list a little easier to bear. This spring, make time to get out in the sunshine and do the most important thing of all – make memories with your family that will last for many, many seasons to come.

Pucker up for this sweet and sour twist on a delicious treat. Lemon bars are a favorite for family and friends. Plus, they're super easy to make whether you're serving a mid-afternoon snack at home or taking a dessert dish to your next event.

While the crust begins to bake, get started with the filler. Whisk 3 eggs, 1 ½ cup white sugar, 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour and

Start by creating your crust. Combine 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour, ⅔ cup confectioners' sugar and ¾ cup softened butter or margarine. The dough then goes into a greased 9x13 baking pan. Bake for 20 minutes in the oven at 375°.

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¼ cup lemon juice. When it's frothy, pour over hot crust and return to oven for 20-25 minutes, until light golden brown. Let cool on wire rack, then dust with confectioners' sugar. Cut into little squares and enjoy.

Take Care of Your Tootsies



You can spend your dollars on store-bought foot soaks or head to the nail salon for deluxe pedicures. Or you could treat your feet with low-cost care.

this healing solution for up to 10 minutes or until the water temperature drops.

- **Salt soaks** – For a salt foot bath to reenergize your feet, boil a large pan of water, then let it cool to a comfortable temperature. Add a half cup of Epsom salt or sea salt. When the salt dissolves, soak feet in

- **Vinegar soaks** – Take one-part vinegar to two-parts water to create a foot soak that soothes dry, cracked feet. Vinegar soaks also disinfect feet, which reduces foot odor and has medicinal value for mild forms of athlete's foot. Wipe feet and add lotion or essential oils to relieve the vinegar scent after the soak. Repeat remedy as needed until feet heal and odor fades.

Look online for lots of other alternatives that include essential oils and a variety of common household ingredients.

perishables on ice in a cooler or second fridge. Then remove fridge shelves, bins and trays, and wash in warm, soapy water. Next, take a sponge and wipe the interior with a mixture of 1 cup baking soda to one gallon of water.

As you prepare to run your air conditioning for the first time, be sure to call us for a tune-up. We'll help get your system ready for the warm days ahead. Or if it's time to talk about upgrading to a more energy-efficient model, we'll guide you in choosing the best value for your home.

Providing great service is how we say thanks for the opportunity to have you as a customer. Enjoy your spring!

Sincerely,



Barry Tysor

Deodorize your Clothes.

If your workout clothes or the kids' sports uniforms have a noticeable "sweaty" smell, give them a time out – and let them soak in a baking soda solution. Mix 1 cup of baking soda in a sink full of water, add the clothes and let them soak for about an hour. Stir them around periodically.



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FAST FIX

Pre-emptive Clothing Seal

It's annoying when a button suddenly falls off your brand-new shirt or blouse shortly after your purchase. So, why not try a simple trick to keep that button in place for good? Before you wear your new clothing item, simply seal the thread by applying clear nail polish at the front and back of each button. Allow at least five minutes to dry and you're done. Your wallet will thank you.