



Does Your HVAC Need a Springtime Glow-Up?

Have you ever replaced a flat tire? Changed the oil on your car? Fixed a broken hinge, replaced a cracked window pane or sewed on a button that fell off? "Back in the day" we tended to mend our things when they broke. That was important, because some level of home maintenance skill was vital. Televisions had vacuum tubes that went bad, fuses burned out in our fuse box, or knees wore out in jeans. But new tubes and fuses were at the corner hardware store and most households had someone whose needle and thread could patch those knees. When something broke, we could fix it ourselves quickly and cheaply.

Today, those skills aren't as critical. Oil needs changing at 5000 miles rather than 1500, and breakers don't burn out; they just trip and can be reset rather than need replacing. Things tend to last longer, and we don't need to be so handy. But it also means we're more at the mercy of others



when something goes wrong. We're more likely to pay a plumber to snake our drain rather than do it ourselves. And when we see a "\$29 Duct Cleaning Special" and call out the duct cleaning guy, how comfortable are we at telling him "No" when he says that rather than a \$29 cleaning what we really need is a \$10,000 replacement?

Upkeep Translates into Savings

Here is a trade secret: in the world of HVAC, there are usually other options besides total system replacement if your unit doesn't seem to be heating or cooling as well as it should. In fact, you can expect to get as much as 10-15 years of useful service from your equipment if you treat it well. And that's where Air-Tro comes in.

Like any sophisticated mechanical equipment, your residential heating and cooling requires regular maintenance and support. While

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some components will last for a long time, other parts may require repair, or sometimes replacement to keep the larger system working as it should. Don't panic. The cost of replacing a single faulty component is far less than the price of an entirely new HVAC system. In fact, if you take the time to have your system regularly inspected, cleaned and maintained, you can look forward to years of superior heating and cooling. However, left unattended, a single broken part can wreak havoc on the rest of your equipment.

Expert Care, Superior Service

What can you expect from an actual tune up or factory restore? This kind of service is pretty definitive. First, an HVAC tech will inspect your entire system.

They'll clean burners and condensate lines, check temperature rise, safety systems and even gas pressure. The tech will look for leaks or clogs, faulty connections and parts that need to be lubricated. They'll replace filters and calibrate your thermostat. In short, they will do all the things necessary to prevent or mitigate problems before they become expensive issues.

Like a car you've kept in tiptop condition with regular oil changes and scheduled service appointments, you'll find that regular maintenance and upkeep on your HVAC system will result in greater energy efficiency as well as lower heating and cooling costs. You'll also have reliable indoor comfort without having to spring for a brand new system. So take care of your heating and cooling this season, and it will take care of you, all year round.



Joke Time!

Q: What season is it when you are on a trampoline?

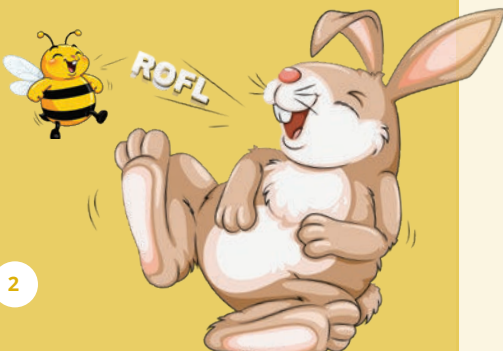
A. Spring-time.

Q: What do you call a bunny who tells jokes?

A. A funny bunny.

Q: Can bees fly in the rain?

A: Not without their little yellow jackets.



Can You Get a Rebate on a Heat Pump or Other HVAC Equipment Upgrades?

Here's another reality of the HVAC business. Rebates are a major savings opportunity for consumers that frequently get overlooked, usually because the person buying doesn't know how or where to look for them. Don't let this chance to save pass you by!

Heat Pumps Are Hot! This Trend May Be Timely for Your Home

Take the ordinary heat pump. Everybody in Sacramento is excited about this humble product, convinced it will lead to greater energy efficiency and lower utility costs throughout the state.

Whether it does or it doesn't, time will tell. But when it comes to your own home, a heat pump may be just the thing to help you save significant energy while cutting your utility expenses on an everyday basis. But that's not all. The incentives for purchasing one of these pumps are now



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running at a fever pitch, with new savings programs showing up in all kinds of places. While heat pumps don't work for every situation, if you are considering this kind of upgrade, get in touch with us today to talk about these programs.



More Savings Through Your Local Utility

Utility companies may present another big opportunity to put cash in your wallet. Municipal utilities in cities like Pasadena and Los Angeles have rebate programs to support their customers in choosing heat pumps.

These rebates can be confusing, and unless you have experience negotiating the fine print, you may miss the boat. The good news? Air-Tro experts can walk you through the entire process, helping with planning and paperwork. Many upgrades work only with certain kinds of equipment, or along with the particular design of your home. Discuss the ins and outs with our consultants before you buy.

Remember, these savings programs are real and they're everywhere. Don't let the confusing language or complicated requirements turn you away from getting money back when it comes to these projects.

We can help.



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Lemon Garlic Butter Baked Shrimp



Ingredients

- 1 lb. raw **shrimp**, peeled and deveined
 - 4 medium cloves **garlic**, minced
 - 1 tablespoon fresh **parsley**, chopped
 - 1/2 teaspoon **lemon zest**
 - 1 tablespoon **white wine** (optional)
 - 2 tablespoons **butter**, melted
 - 1/2 cup **panko breadcrumbs**
 - 1 tablespoon **Parmesan cheese**, grated
 - 1 quartered **lemon**
- Salt and pepper** to taste

Directions

Combine garlic, parsley, lemon zest, white wine and salt and pepper to taste. Add shrimp and toss to mix. Transfer to a **9x13 casserole dish** and spread it out evenly in a single layer.

Combine melted butter with panko breadcrumbs and Parmesan cheese. Sprinkle panko mixture over shrimp. Bake at 425°F for 7 minutes, or until shrimp is cooked through and pink. Broil at 450°F for 2-3 minutes until the breadcrumbs are golden brown. Drizzle with lemon juice and serve with any extra lemon wedges.

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