

7 Signs It May Be Time to Replace Your AC

Know when repairs stop making sense — and when replacement may save you money, improve comfort, and lower energy bills.



1 Your AC Is More Than 10–15 Years Old



Older systems become less efficient and more prone to breakdowns.

Common issues include:

- Higher energy usage
- Struggles during extreme heat
- Hard-to-find replacement parts
- Outdated refrigerant systems

If your system is over 10–15 years old and having problems, replacement may make more financial sense than another repair.

2 You're Paying for Frequent Repairs



An occasional repair is normal.

But repeated service calls can quickly add up.

If you feel like you're constantly putting money into your AC, it may be time to evaluate replacement instead of continuing repairs.

3 Your Energy Bills Keep Increasing



Older air conditioners lose efficiency over time.

That means:

- Higher monthly cooling costs
- Longer run times
- More strain on the system

New systems are dramatically more energy efficient than older units.

4 Your Home Doesn't Feel Comfortable



Signs your AC may be struggling:

- Uneven temperatures
- Weak airflow
- Humidity problems
- Constant running
- Trouble reaching thermostat settings

In older systems, uneven cooling often signals the equipment is nearing the end of its lifespan.

5 Your System Uses R-22 Refrigerant



Older systems may use R-22 refrigerant, which has been phased out.

That makes refrigerant repairs:

- Expensive
- Difficult
- Less practical long-term

Many homeowners choose replacement instead of investing heavily in outdated equipment.

6 Your AC Runs Constantly



During Iowa summers, your AC should cycle on and off.

If your system:

- Never shuts off
- Struggles during hot afternoons
- Can't keep up with cooling demands

...it may no longer have the capacity your home needs.

7 Your AC Needs a Major Repair

Major repairs may include:

- Compressor replacement
- Evaporator coil replacement
- Refrigerant leaks
- Major electrical failure



When expensive repairs happen on older systems, replacement is often the smarter long-term investment.



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