

George's Refrigeration & Heating - Is My Air Conditioner Wasting Energy?

You've probably been blasting your air conditioner during the summer heat in Rogers, Arkansas, so it shouldn't come as a huge surprise if your power bill is high. As the summer starts to wind down, keep an eye on your power consumption and make sure your bills are getting lower again. If your bills are still high, your air conditioner might be losing its efficiency. From high utility bills to poor indoor air quality and even the age of your system, here are some signs that your AC is wasting energy.

Higher Utility Bills

Your utility costs should be pretty consistent on a year-to-year basis. But when your system starts to wear itself down after years of use, its efficiency will start to drop, and your bills will start to skyrocket. If you see a sudden increase in your monthly utility costs, you need to [schedule a repair](#) to see if your system just needs recalibration or a new part.

Poor Indoor Air Quality

When your air conditioner starts to lose its effectiveness, it isn't cleaning out the dust and dirt from the air as it should. Also, you might be seeing higher levels of indoor humidity because your system isn't circulating the air properly. If you're congested, have a stuffy nose, or if you're feeling clammy indoors, you need to get your AC looked at.

An Older System

If your AC system is older than 10 years, it might just be time to replace the entire unit. Any working piece of machinery loses its efficiency over time, but luckily, newer systems are more energy-efficient than ever before. The [Department of Energy](#) stated that as of 2015, all new central AC systems in the Southeast must have a seasonal energy efficiency ratio (SEER rating) of 14 or

higher. These stricter requirements mean that, even though a new system is a major investment, you'll see immediate savings on your cooling costs when you get it installed.

Whether you need a repair or a [new system](#), the experienced technicians at George's Refrigeration & Heating are here to help. Call 479-231-3075 to schedule an appointment, and we can help stop your air conditioner from wasting energy.