

PREPARING COMMERCIAL HVAC SYSTEMS FOR WINTER

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With the fall season in full swing, it's time to start preparing commercial HVAC systems for winter.

If your HVAC system isn't ready for the frigid winter season, you'll be left out in the cold. Take action now to make sure that doesn't happen!

Hutchinson, a leading energy services and mechanical services contractor serving the region's commercial customers, offers tips to help add life to your systems, enhance comfort and improve your bottom line.

1. Take Advantage of Energy Efficiency Programs. Upgrade to energy efficiency with Direct Install from New Jersey's Clean Energy Program and up to 80% of the cost will be covered for energy upgrades, including lighting and HVAC equipment. Instead of pumping money into your outdated, inefficient units, why not upgrade to a new, state-of-the-art energy efficient system?
2. Use Energy Star Portfolio Manager to see how your building rates with other similar buildings. If you rate low, there are many things you can do to improve the operation of your building.
3. Check HVAC settings to get maximum efficiency. By setting your thermostat at 68° during the day and at 60° at night, you can save approximately 3% on heating costs for every degree under 70.
4. Clean Heating Ducts Heating ducts periodically to allow efficient heating and provide fresh, clean air. Also check to make sure the ducts are properly insulated. Consider installing iWave - an ionization air purifying device - to reduce allergens, kill mold, bacteria and viruses.
5. Install a programmable thermostat. Keep temperature settings maintained with a web and cloud based control system when your staff is working at the office. That's peace of mind during this COVID-19 business environment.
6. Establish a preventive maintenance program. When your HVAC system runs smoothly, so can your business. Prevent equipment problems before they start!
 - ▶ Change or clean all air filters, preferably every month.
 - ▶ Repair leaks in piping, air ducts, coils, fittings and at the unit(s).
 - ▶ Replace defective equipment insulation, ducting and piping.
 - ▶ Install/upgrade HVAC controls to include new energy management systems technologies.



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