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## CLEAN AIR EVERYWHERE

Help your family breathe easier by cleaning the air, pure and simple.



## MAKE YOUR HOME HEALTHIER & SMARTER THIS SPRING

As warm weather approaches, you're likely already dreaming about the time you'll spend out of the house at parks, beaches and picnics. Don't spend these getaways fretting about the condition of your home.

With connected devices, you can operate door locks, garage doors and even the entire HVAC system from a smart phone. In addition to peace of mind when you're kicking back this summer, Wi-Fi control of your home's climate also provides these benefits:

**IMPROVED ENERGY SAVINGS** - Simple scheduling and quick-action override features of Wi-Fi thermostats make energy efficiency easier than ever by providing control even when you're not home. Wi-Fi control can provide \$180 in energy savings each year.

**A HEALTHIER HOME** - People use smart devices to improve health by tracking

calories, heart rate and even how soundly they're sleeping. Aprilaire Wi-Fi thermostats can help improve another important aspect of your health: Indoor Air Quality (IAQ). The ability to control the air conditioner, dehumidifier, air purifier and other installed IAQ solutions from your smart phone means you can monitor the air in your home and ensure it's comfortable and healthy when you return.

**SERVICE ALERTS AND REMINDERS** - Never fall behind on the scheduled maintenance that keeps your HVAC system efficient, safe and reliable with email alerts. It's important to have a professional HVAC dealer inspect your system before the start of every cooling season. A pre-season check helps uncover potential issues that could lead to a system failure or expensive operation later in the summer.

Call us today for a system inspection and to learn more about Aprilaire indoor air quality solutions and Wi-Fi control.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The fall and spring equinoxes are the only two days during the year when the sun rises exactly due east and sets exactly due west. To hone your sense of direction, pick a landmark from a vantage point where you live and note where the sun rises and sets on the days of the equinox — now you'll always know east and west.



**CALL US** for a free indoor air quality inspection. (419) 421-0072

# DO YOU LIVE IN AN "ALLERGY CAPITAL?" HERE'S HOW TO COPE!

Is your city known for its powerful pollen? The severity of allergies in a city depends on many things: the local vegetation and types of pollen, pollution levels, access to healthcare and even annual climate changes. From year to year, cities labeled as "allergy capitals" tend to swap positions, however, front runners are usually Louisville, KY and Madison, WI. Both cities are hotbeds of tree pollen — the major contributor to seasonal allergies for those who suffer in the spring.

The last time the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America published a list, Memphis, TN and Syracuse, NY were also in the top five. So, from north to south, east to west, pretty much anywhere in the country can be a challenging place to live if you suffer from spring allergies.

The bad news is you never know exactly how rough spring will be in your area. But the good news is that regardless of where you live you can start preparing now! Here are the 3 best ways to prepare:

## SEE AN ALLERGIST >

This is number one because knowledge is power. It's always easier to fight allergy symptoms when you know exactly what it is you're allergic to. An allergist can perform a quick and painless skin prick test to help determine what types of pollen, dander or other environmental factors cause you to sneeze, sniffle and suffer.

An allergist can also review your entire medical history to determine the best medications and treatments for your specific allergies. Seeing an allergist is so important that the availability of board-certified allergists is actually a variable when the AAFA assembles their capitals list!



## THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT >

Once you know what you're allergic to, you can track your specific allergens daily using a number of applications and websites. The Aprilaire Wi-Fi Thermostat App features a 3-day pollen and mold forecast that you can access right from your phone.

While you won't be able to completely avoid allergies — we all need to get outside to complete our day — you might reschedule an afternoon run or yard work until a day when levels are lower.

## CLEAN AIR EVERYWHERE >

While you can't control the pollen outside — you can control the air purity in your home. Whole-home air purifiers provide clean air everywhere for homeowners in every city! A professional HVAC contractor can help you select the best air purifier for your home and HVAC system.

Many great cities are also allergy capitals, so don't let pollen keep you from enjoying your home and hometown. Take control of your allergies this season by being proactive and prepared before the allergens start to fly!



## COULD SPRING CLEANING MAKE YOUR HOME LESS HEALTHY?

While it's important to do a deep clean of your home, that activity can also expose you to harmful chemicals and create a dangerous environment.

### DUST/DUSTING

It collects just about everywhere, which makes it tempting to just wipe it away with a feather duster or dry cloth which kick up dust into the air, and can lead to sneezing or even asthma effects. Try using a vacuum cleaner with detail attachments or use a non-toxic, spray-on cleaner.

### CLEANING CHEMICALS

The truth is that some common cleaners (old and new) contain chemicals that are harmful to you, your family and your pets. Thankfully, there are many alternatives to those harmful cleaners that clean just as well as the

chemicals without adding a danger to your home. In fact, some common household items like lemon juice, vinegar, baking soda and cooking oil can effectively clean many areas when used correctly.

### INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Keep the windows open while you clean. Your next option is a whole-home air purifier. Find one that works for you and your family, and you can enjoy the benefits of fresh indoor air after spring cleaning and (better yet) all year long.

# HUMIDITY CAN BE ANNOYING



If your home is well insulated and lacks proper ventilation, excess moisture can build up from cooking, laundry and bathing. In fact, these normal activities can add up to 25 pounds of moisture to the air in your home every day.

High humidity is impossible to ignore, so it needs to be dealt with head-on. If you're experiencing any of the problems below, it may be time to consider a dehumidification system in your home.

## MUSTY ODORS

The most obvious sign that moisture is a problem in your home is a damp, musty odor. You're most likely to notice it in the basement or crawlspace, but if humidity is a severe problem, it's not uncommon for that smell to creep into the living areas of the home.



## DAMAGE TO HOME, TOOLS AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Is your bicycle rusty after being stored in the basement? Do you notice that your instruments fall out of tune – or worse – are damaged? Does your new set of wrenches and power tools look like you fished them out of a lake? Rusted tools, damaged wood and warped instruments are all signs that humidity is out of control in your home.



## ALLERGY TRIGGERS

Excess moisture can aggravate allergy symptoms by creating the perfect breeding ground for mold, dust mites and even insects. In fact, dust mites thrive when relative humidity exceeds 50%, making them difficult to manage even when you clean your house regularly.



Dust mites and mold are also two of the leading asthma triggers. This increases the likelihood of an asthma attack, making high humidity more than just an inconvenience — it's a health risk.

Home is a place where you should feel at ease, but humidity can make it uncomfortable and potentially unsafe. So take back control of excess humidity with whole-home dehumidification and create a welcoming environment year-round.



## IS THERE A FIRE HAZARD IN YOUR BASEMENT?

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has recalled 5.6 million dehumidifiers in two nationwide recalls due to a potential fire hazard. The dehumidifier recall includes more than 60 different brands of retail dehumidifiers built over a 10-year period.

Recent media coverage shows just how real the concerns are. Hundreds of units have caught fire and resulted in \$24 million in damages to homes, according to news reports. If you have a portable dehumidifier in your home, you need to make sure it's safe.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Unplug your dehumidifier and check the brand. Next, check the details of the recalls at the Consumer Product Safety Commission website ([CPCS.gov/recalls](http://CPCS.gov/recalls)). Search for dehumidifier recalls.

## FIND A PROFESSIONAL TO REVIEW YOUR SITUATION

We can help install the high-capacity solution that is right for your home. Contact us today for a safe, effective solution to smelly, moldy basements!



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LOOK INSIDE

## SMART SPRING SAVINGS

Find out how new technology can help you achieve a healthy home this spring.

## GET READY FOR WARMER WEATHER!

We hope you're as excited about spring as we are. We know it means summer fun is just around the corner so it's time to get ready. As you transition from winter to spring (putting away the snow blower, tuning up the lawn mower, sharpening the hedge trimmers) don't forget about your health and comfort indoors.

You can't control the weather outside this summer — but we can help you manage it indoors with a spring tune-up of your AC system. We've included some great offers for you with this newsletter as well as some tips and information for keeping your home as healthy and energy efficient as possible this year. Enjoy!

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