

# On your mark, get set... To start your Air Conditioners

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With over 32-years of experience we are providing tips on preparing your home for the warm humid months of summer. The following tips are recommended to ensure the longevity & efficiency of your air conditioner & furnace. As you may know, furnaces & air conditioners can have harmful side effects to humans & our environment if they are not handled with proper care and maintenance.

- Maintenance should be completed annually to both furnace and air conditioner. Most contractors offering service and/or maintenance will have a maintenance package for both completed at the same time which intern could save you money.

- Before you start your air conditioner, the outside temperature should be above 10 C. If the outside air temperature is below 10 C you could cause severe and expensive damage to your equipment.

- Remove cover and clear any debris around the outdoor unit. eg: leaves, grass clippings, etc...

- clean fins of fan on out door unit with water on high pressure from hose.

- Check breaker panel to ensure there is power to the unit .

- Check drain in basement to ensure it is free & clear to prevent flooding.

- Furnace filters should be clean to allow required airflow.

- Heat setting on thermostat is switched to cool & fan is in the on position.

With all of the above checked and completed you will be ready for a comfortable summer in your home. If a failure should occur, have a reputable company with refrigeration license come and diagnose the problem. In some cases, for example a leak of refrigerant, a repair may not be the answer. Look into replacement of the damaged unit and compare costs, as these repairs could be costly. Why put money into a falling unit when that money could be going towards a new unit with up to a 15-year warranty?

Any questions, e-mail us at [appleby@aztec-net.com](mailto:appleby@aztec-net.com) or call 905-876-3267, we will be glad to help.

# 'Cut Out' Careless Lawn-Mowing Habits

Each spring, as flowers blossom and the grass begins to grow, millions of people follow the annual path to lawn and garden care. Homeowners haul out their lawn mowers, tractors, edgers, tillers and chippers/shredders because this equipment provides the easiest route to beautifying their landscape. However, when handling the gardening equipment, some people use old, unsafe operating habits. This can lead to the possibility of accidents, particularly if children become involved.

When operating any type of outdoor power equipment, the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (<http://opei.mow.org>), suggests homeowners practice these important do's and don'ts.

- Do read the manufacturers' operator's manual before beginning.
- Do keep small children out of the mowing area, and preferably indoors under adult supervision.
- Do be alert and turn off the mower if children enter the area.
- Do look behind and down for small children before operating in reverse.
- Do use extra care when approaching corners, shrubs and trees.
- Do handle fuel carefully and avoid spilling when filling the engine.
- Do wear the proper clothing —

long slacks and sturdy shoes.

- Don't carry children. Riding mowers are designed for one operator only.

- Don't allow children to operate a riding mower.

- Don't drive a riding mower like a race car — it is a mower, not a racer.

Remember, carelessness is one of the leading causes of accidents. Homeowners of all ages always should think of safety first while operating power tools.

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If the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence, it's time to take a lawn-care lesson from your neighbors. To transform the look of your lawn into that of a lush, green carpet, you'll have to fuel and fire up the lawn mower. A simple rule of thumb to follow when mowing is to never remove more than one-third of the leaf surface (the length of the grass above the soil) each time the lawn is mowed.



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