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## Prepare Your HVAC System for Seasonal Changes

Spring brings changing temperatures and longer days, making it the perfect time to help your HVAC system transition smoothly into the warmer season. These maintenance-focused steps help keep performance steady and comfort consistent:

- **Replace Seasonal Filters:** After months of winter use, filters are often clogged with dust and debris. Fresh filters improve airflow, support system efficiency, and promote cleaner indoor air.
- **Review Airflow Balance:** Walk through your home and make sure vents are open and unobstructed. Proper airflow helps prevent hot spots and unnecessary system strain.

- **Inspect Duct Connections:** Loose or aging duct joints can reduce efficiency. A professional review helps ensure conditioned air reaches every room as intended.
- **Test Thermostat Operation:** Switch your system into cooling mode and confirm accurate temperature response. Small calibration issues can impact comfort quickly.
- **Clear Exterior Equipment:** Remove leaves, dirt, and early spring growth from around outdoor units to support proper ventilation and safe operation.

Spring maintenance now helps prevent issues later. To schedule a seasonal service and keep your system ready, contact us at 205-655-5130.

# MY WORD

By Clyde Lamp, Jr.



Hi Friend,

Spring has arrived, bringing changing temperatures,

brighter days, and a shift in how we use our homes. It's an ideal time to ensure your HVAC system is ready to transition smoothly and keep your home comfortable as the seasons change.

At Controlled Environment, Inc., we're dedicated to helping your system perform efficiently and reliably. Whether you're planning seasonal maintenance, noticing early signs of wear, or exploring options for improved performance, our team is here to help. A properly prepared HVAC system helps your home stay comfortable, balanced, and dependable.

Thank you for trusting us with your home's comfort needs. We're always here when you need us.

Until next time,

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## Is It Time to Replace?

If your HVAC system struggled through winter or never quite kept your home comfortable, spring is a smart time to consider replacement. Planning ahead allows you to improve efficiency and comfort before peak cooling season arrives.

- **Identify Ongoing Issues:** Uneven temperatures, frequent cycling, rising energy costs, or delayed system response can signal declining performance.
- **Account for System Age:** Older equipment may still operate, but often lacks the efficiency and reliability of modern systems.
- **Explore Updated Technology:** New HVAC systems offer improved airflow control, quieter operation, and enhanced efficiency designed for year-round comfort.
- **Ensure Proper Sizing:** The right system capacity depends on your home's layout, insulation, and usage patterns. A professional evaluation ensures proper fit.
- **Avoid Emergency Decisions:** Replacing proactively helps you choose the right solution without the stress of a mid-season breakdown.

If comfort issues persist, now is the time to act. Contact us at 205-655-5130 to explore replacement options built for dependable, long-term comfort.

## Is Your System Aging Gracefully?

The reality is that age takes a toll on home comfort systems. If you're having frequent repairs or wasting energy dollars on an inefficient system, it can make more sense to install a newer, high-efficiency system. You'll enjoy energy savings and reliable comfort. Give **Controlled Environment, Inc.** a call at **205-655-5130** and we'll give you a hassle-free estimate.

## Fast Fix

**Freshen Trash Cans.** If outdoor trash cans start smelling stronger as temperatures rise, here's an easy refresh. Sprinkle baking soda into the bottom, then spray with a mix of vinegar and water. Let it completely air dry before closing the lid. This quick step helps neutralize odors and keeps cleanup feeling manageable.

## Unexpected Gadgets Worth The Hype



Some of the most buzzed-about home gadgets right now aren't practical in an obvious way—they're clever, oddly specific, and surprisingly delightful once you try them.

- Clear ice makers continue to dominate for good reason. Perfectly transparent cubes melt slowly, elevate drinks instantly, and make even weeknight beverages feel intentional.
- Countertop composters are another breakout favorite. They quietly break down food scraps into dry, odor-free material overnight, turning something messy into something oddly satisfying.
- Rechargeable table lamps are redefining indoor and outdoor lighting. With no cords and soft ambient glow, they move effortlessly

from dinner table to patio to bedside.

- In the kitchen, smart scales and digital measuring tools help you nail recipes without constant guesswork, making everyday meals feel more polished.
- For comfort seekers, foot-warming mats and heated desk pads are gaining traction—small luxuries that make workdays noticeably better.
- And then there's the wild card: countertop freeze dryers. Once reserved for labs, compact versions now let homeowners preserve candy, fruit, even full meals—turning snacks into conversation pieces and curiosity into obsession.

In the end, these aren't must-haves on paper, but they become family favorites faster than anyone expects.



## Bright Lemon Orzo

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup dry orzo
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 lemon, zested and juiced
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- ½ cup crumbled feta
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

### Instructions:

1. Cook orzo according to package directions. Drain and return to pot while warm.
2. Stir in olive oil, lemon zest, and lemon juice until evenly coated. Add tomatoes, parsley, salt, and pepper, mixing gently.
3. Transfer to a serving bowl and sprinkle with feta just before serving. Enjoy warm or chilled as a fresh spring side dish that pairs well with grilled chicken, fish, or roasted vegetables.



## What's Your Comfort IQ?

If you're still using a traditional thermostat, you could be losing out on energy efficiency and savings. Smart thermostats allow you to adjust settings while you're away and can even alert you when problems arise with your system. So, give your home comfort IQ a boost. Call **Controlled Environment, Inc.** at **205-655-5130** to save **10% off** your installation.

# Can We Agree to Save You Money?

It's a simple idea that can pay you back many times over. When it comes to regular maintenance of your heating and cooling system, you won't find a better deal than our Comfort Club.

By becoming a member of our Maintenance Agreement program,

you'll save money on repairs and tune-ups. You'll enjoy priority service. You'll get the benefits of extended equipment life and more energy savings. Great perks of membership, wouldn't you agree?

Call **Controlled Environment, Inc.** at **205-655-5130** today!

## Quick Tips

**Stop Door Slams.** If spring breezes keep slamming interior doors, try this quick fix. Wrap a rubber band around one doorknob, stretch it across the latch, and loop it around the other knob. It cushions the latch, reducing noise and preventing sudden slams during open-window days.

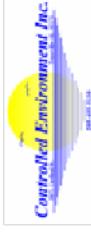


## Smarter Outdoor Living

Want outdoor parties that feel effortless? The secret isn't more work—it's smarter upgrades that handle the details for you.

- Start with lighting automation. App-controlled string lights and pathway lights turn on at sunset, shift brightness as the night goes on, and keep the vibe right without constant tweaking.
- Next, upgrade sound. Wireless outdoor speakers sync instantly, fill the space, and let you control playlists from anywhere—no running inside mid-song.
- Make food stress-free. Pellet grills manage temperature automatically, while outdoor beverage fridges and ice makers keep drinks flowing without crowding the kitchen.
- Add comfort boosters. Patio heaters, tabletop fire features, and weather-rated fans keep guests comfortable as temperatures change.

Use automation to help you keep your hosting polished instead of exhausting.



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# Spring Tech That Simplifies

Spring shifts how we use our homes—more coming and going, open windows, outdoor projects, and changing schedules. Smart technology can help smooth these transitions and keep daily life running efficiently.

- **Manage Energy Use** – Smart thermostats and sensors adjust automatically as temperatures fluctuate, helping reduce waste during unpredictable spring weather while keeping indoor comfort steady.
- **Support Outdoor Living** – Smart exterior lighting, irrigation controllers, and weather-responsive timers make it easier to manage yards, gardens, and patios without constant manual adjustments.
- **Simplify Entry Flow** – Smart locks and garage controllers help manage family

movement, deliveries, and guests as activity increases. App access means fewer forgotten codes and smoother routines.

- **Monitor Seasonal Risks** – Leak detectors, sump pump monitors, and humidity sensors help catch springtime issues like snowmelt seepage, heavy rain intrusion, or moisture buildup early.
- **Automate Daily Tasks** – Voice assistants, smart plugs, and app-controlled appliances help streamline busy days, from starting coffee to managing reminders hands-free.

With the right tools in place, your home can adapt effortlessly to the season—supporting comfort, efficiency, and peace of mind as spring unfolds.