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Did you know...

...that Vincent's Heating & Plumbing is the winner of the Times Herald's 2026 Community Choice Award for Best Plumbing Company & Best Residential HVAC Company?

Thank for your support and voting for us!

THROUGH MY EYES

Karen and I noticed that the skirting under and around the base of our deck was starting to look old and shabby. Wanting to freshen things up, we decided to replace it. At the time, we had no idea what we were getting ourselves into.

When the carpenters removed the old skirting, they immediately noticed some rot on the ends of the decking boards. Curious - and thankfully

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"Wherever you see a 'Vincent's Van Go' you know the job will be a work of art."



Here is Mike getting ready for a day of service. Mike is our most senior technician - he started with us in 1998 and is a customer favorite.

How To Avoid Sabotaging Your Air Conditioner's Cooling Performance – Part 1

There are ways homeowners can unknowingly sabotage their air conditioning performance. Below are common pitfalls to avoid.

1) Running Your System with a Plugged or Dirty Filter

A dirty or plugged furnace filter negatively affects both heating and cooling performance. Every season, we receive no-heat or no-cool service calls where the equipment is mechanically sound, but airflow is blocked by a clogged filter. When there's no airflow, the system simply can't operate properly.

More concerning is the damage that can occur when HVAC equipment runs without adequate airflow. A restricted filter forces the furnace blower to work harder to overcome the added resistance. This increases energy consumption and raises electrical load on the fan motor, causing it to run hotter than designed. Over time, that excess heat and amperage lead to premature motor failure.

Restricted airflow during heating also causes the furnace heat exchanger to overheat. Excessive heat increases metal fatigue, and eventually the heat exchanger can

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How to Avoid Sabotaging... (Continued from Pg. 1)

crack or fail altogether—often resulting in the need to replace the furnace.

Recommendation:

Check your furnace filter frequently and replace it when it's dirty. Consider upgrading to a 4-inch pleated media filter (duct modifications may be required). These filters last longer, have much greater surface area, and allow better airflow when properly sized.

Bigger Concerns to Consider:

A plugged furnace filter is often a symptom of a larger issue: leaky ductwork - especially on the return side of your system. When the blower is running, unsealed ducts can pull dirt and debris from basements, crawlspaces, wall cavities, or attics directly into the system. Some of this material is captured by the filter; much of it remains in the ductwork.

In homes with crawlspaces, this raises an additional

concern. Dirt and dust may be the least of your worries.

Moldspores and microbes present in crawlspace air can be drawn into the system and distributed throughout the home. These particles are often too small to be captured by standard filters, meaning they can be inhaled.

Additional Recommendation:

Consider having your ductwork professionally sealed - and if it is dirty have your air ducts cleaned. Sealing reduces airborne debris from entering the system, improves efficiency, and protects internal components. See the nearby insert for additional information.

2) Running Your System with the Wrong Filter

The primary purpose of a furnace filter is to protect the blower—period. The idea that furnace filters are meant to clean household air is largely a result of marketing aimed at selling high-efficiency filters.

While high-MERV filters do capture smaller particles, they often do so by restricting airflow. This can lead to the same problems caused by a dirty or plugged filter: reduced airflow, higher energy use, motor stress, and overheating.

Recommendation:

Use a standard 1-inch furnace filter to properly protect your blower. If your goal is improved indoor air quality, consider upgrading your system with a bypass HEPA filter. These filters clean air using a parallel airflow path rather than restricting the main air stream, so performance isn't compromised.

Next month, we'll explore other things homeowners may be doing—often unknowingly—that can sabotage their air conditioning performance.

- Daniel Squires

What Our Clients Are Saying ...



"Our furnace went out, out of nowhere - and Vincent's was available and ready to send someone to check it out SAME-DAY (on a Saturday) because they are OPEN on Saturdays - with no overtime or after hours fee! The tech who came to our home was very friendly, professional and explained our options to us very well. Fantastic company and I am using them for service & maintenance agreements on our equipment now, to keep on top of it - something our previous contractor never suggested or offered!"

- Carrie Cypert - Saint Clair

Through My Eyes (Continued from Pg. 1)

thorough - they went under the deck for a closer look. That's when they discovered additional rot in the 2 X 12 stringers that the decking boards rested on. They brought this to my attention and asked how I wanted to proceed. Should they replace the skirting as planned, or did we want them to investigate further and address the rotted wood?

That really wasn't much of a choice. Putting on new skirting and ignoring the rot would have just been kicking the can down the road. When we eventually had to deal with it we'd have to undo all the new work just to get back to the problem. I told them to investigate and determine the full extent of the damage now and fix whatever needed fixing and I'm glad I did.

It turned out the original builder had covered treated lumber deck boards with composite decking material—a big no-no. The composite trapped moisture between itself and the treated lumber, preventing it from drying properly. Over time, that trapped moisture caused not only the decking boards but the supporting stringers to rot. The end result? The deck had to be completely rebuilt—this time, the right way.

I'm actually grateful the skirting looked bad enough to prompt us to act. If it hadn't, all of this damage would have remained hidden, quietly getting worse. From the outside, everything looked great. Underneath, real trouble was brewing.

It's hard not to see the comparison to HVAC equipment. Your furnace or air conditioner may look fine and still provide heating or cooling, but without regular maintenance and inspections, you have no

way of knowing whether a problem is developing. That problem might start as a worn part that only fails during extreme weather - or worse, an unsafe condition you can't see.

With your heating system, you have an electrical appliance in your home that intentionally burns an explosive gas. A byproduct of that process is deadly carbon monoxide. That's why every agency tasked with public safety strongly recommends having heating equipment professionally inspected every year.

We also live in a climate where heating or cooling system failures during extreme temperatures can put people at real risk. It's far better to catch and correct developing problems when it's convenient - not during an emergency on the coldest or hottest day of the year.

That's why, at Vincent's Heating & Plumbing, we place such a strong emphasis on annual maintenance. We even offer priority service guarantees, exclusive extended availability and money-saving incentives for customers who maintain their HVAC and plumbing systems yearly. Our goal is simple: to make sure that you don't have any hidden problems lurking beneath the surface

Sometimes it takes something that looks minor - like shabby deck skirting - to uncover a much bigger issue. Regular maintenance helps make sure small problems don't stay hidden until the damage is already done. See the nearby insert for additional information and a special promotion.

-Daniel Squires



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Humor Section



The engineer on a coal fired train gets a new apprentice.

"What's your name, son?" the older man barks.

"It's Charles, sir," the apprentice replies.

"Listen to me, boy!" growls the engineer. "I have never called
an apprentice by his first name! What's your last name?"

"It's Darling, sir."

"All right then, Charlie. Let's start shoveling some coal..."

Now that's good news!

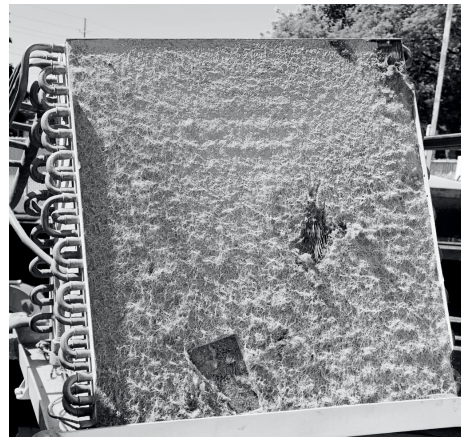
"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or
terrified because of them, for the Lord your God
goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6

How Leaky Air Ducts Can Sabotage Your HVAC System Performance, Steal Years Of Life From Your Equipment, & Impact Your Health

Pictured are two HVAC System components with accumulated dirt & dust caused by leaky air ducts on a furnace blower wheel blades (left) and an AC evaporator coil (right).

Did you know that even as little as 1/10 of an inch of dust on your furnace blower wheel blades as pictured above will decrease airflow by 20 to 30%? It's even worse for an AC Coil because in addition to air flow loss, dirt prevents heat transfer. The build up on the coil in the photo easily reduced system capacity and increased electricity cost by 30%+



Here's Are Symptoms From Accumulated Dirt & Debris on HVAC Systems Caused By Leaky Air Ducts:

- **REDUCED EFFICIENCY** – Expect higher utility bills with a dirty equipment. Reduced air flow and diminished heat transfer means your system must work longer and harder to satisfy your thermostat.
- **DEGRADED PERFORMANCE** – Expect your home to be less comfortable.
 - Reduced air flow decreases your HVAC equipment's heating & cooling capacity.
 - Your system won't keep up as well in extreme cold or extreme heat. This also diminishes your air conditioner's ability to lower the humidity in the air.
- **PREMATURE AGING** – Expect more repairs and shortened equipment life.
 - With reduced air flow your furnace blower motor will overheat from using more electricity and eventually burn out.
 - With reduced air flow your furnace heat exchanger is put under more stress that leads to cracks from overheating. This shortens the life of your furnace.
- **HEALTH CONCERNS** - Because your AC Coil is located in a dark and wet environment, any build up of dirt & debris on it (as in the photo above) is the perfect breeding ground for mold, bacteria and other microbes that end up in the air you breathe and can affect your health.

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- Vincent's News Exclusive Promotion -

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- ⇒ pH
- ⇒ TDS ('Total Dissolved Solids')



** We can also perform the test while we are already at your house for
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***** See Reverse Side For Special Offer *****

Save 10% On Our Safe Water Platinum Packages!

Chlorinated Water Bundle (for municipal treated water) includes:

- **HTO ('Hardness, Taste, & Odor') Softener & Carbon Filter Combined** - softens & removes chlorine.
- **UV** - kills bacteria & germs to disinfect water - never worry about 'boil water alert' again!
- **Reverse Osmosis** - purifies your drinking water. Includes designer faucet.



Hardness, Taste & Odor - softener eliminates hardness and carbon filter eliminate chlorine to give you healthy 'working water'.

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Reverse Osmosis provides the ultimate safe drinking water.

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- **Chemical Free Iron Filter** - removes stubborn iron, manganese and sulfur without chemicals
- **UV** - kills bacteria & germs to disinfect water.
- **Reverse Osmosis** - purifies your drinking water. Includes designer faucet.



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