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Leonard & Erika
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Keith,

Thank you so much for all that you have done.

Anika
San Antonio, Texas

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Why An Exhaust Fan In A Bathroom or Laundry Room ?

Home Owner's commonly think that a power vent in the bathroom is for odor control. They can be used for that, but they are really for moisture control!

Though bathroom fans may seem like somewhat incidental equipment, they are very important for controlling high humidity in bathrooms.

In Texas, building codes require bathrooms in new homes or remodels to have ventilation fans.

When humidity builds up in a bathroom that doesn't have proper ventilation, warm moisture-laden air moves toward cooler surfaces, such as the walls, where it condenses back into water.

Depending upon where it condenses, it can peel the wallpaper or paint off the surfaces and encourage the growth of mildew and mold.

Or--worse--the moist air can condense inside the walls, where it can cause dry rot and serious structural damage.

A bathroom fan collects the bathroom's moist air and expels it outdoors, often through ductwork in the walls or ceiling.



Fan Maintenance Tip's

Check your fan for dirt and lint build up every month. A good tip is to check it when ever you change the air filter in your HVAC system.

You can use a ceiling fan brush tool to reach fan's that are out of your reach.

If your fan is making noises that are louder than normal or the fan sounds as if it vibrating, contact a licensed contractor to have it checked out.

It is not normal, but sometimes the fans can work themselves loose from the duct work and be expelling the moist air into your attic space or wall cavity.

Check Your Smoke and CO Detectors By Susan Eaton

Smoke alarms most likely deserve credit for the drop in fire fatalities. They reduce the risk of dying in a fire by 50 percent, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency/U.S. Fire [Administration](#). Kathy Gerstner, public fire [education](#) specialist for the federal administration, **says homeowners should replace smoke alarm batteries twice a year.**

And it's a good idea to install carbon monoxide detectors, which can detect the deadly gas building up in your home. The odorless and colorless but very toxic gas can be produced by gas-fired appliances, charcoal grills, wood-burning fireplaces or furnaces and motor vehicles.



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Air Filter Maintenance

A **HVAC air filter** is a device that is used to cover the air intake in standard heating and cooling furnaces. These devices enable the free flow of air into the system for temperature regulation, but trap dust and debris.

The Importance of changing the air filter

A air filter is one part of this type of machine that homeowners can replace on a regular basis. In fact, routine replacement or cleaning is a part of proper maintenance. When a furnace air filter isn't kept clean or fresh problems can arise. They might include:

System blockage – When a air filter does not allow air to freely flow through,

a unit can seize up and stop working.

Air quality problems – Running a unit without a furnace air filter enables the air intake to suck in all manner of contaminants. This can be particularly bad for people with allergies.

Types of furnace air filter designs



There are several different furnace air filter types. They include:

Standard – This type of furnace air filter is meant to block large particles from getting into the unit.

HEPA – HEPA or [al-](#)
[lergy](#) furnace air filter models are designed to trap very tiny particles and stop them from getting into the air circulating in a home.

Washable – This type of furnace air filter does not require replacing; only washing.

**Change Your Home
Filters At Least
Every 90 Days!**

Always use a licensed professional contractor's for HVAC repairs!