

# HVAC Expert Rick D'Ambrosia Explains How Seasonal Maintenance Prevents Surprise Breakdowns in HelloNation

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-- How can homeowners avoid being caught off guard by heating and cooling system failures at the worst possible time? In [a HelloNation article](#), Rick D'Ambrosia of Aire Serv of Rochester explains how seasonal HVAC maintenance provides preventive maintenance that protects comfort and budgets. He outlines how steps such as AC coil cleaning, clearing cottonwood seeds, and inspecting HVAC equipment improve energy efficiency, extend system lifespan, and reduce repair costs.



Rick D'Ambrosia

D'Ambrosia notes that breakdowns rarely happen at a convenient time. Heating and cooling systems often fail during extreme conditions, when the system runs hardest and appointments are most challenging to schedule. By scheduling a seasonal HVAC tune, homeowners ensure their AC unit and outdoor unit are ready to heat and cool reliably throughout the year.

One overlooked issue is the buildup of cottonwood seeds around outdoor air conditioning units. These lightweight seeds clog coils, block airflow, and can even cause the system to shut down. Seasonal HVAC maintenance addresses this problem by cleaning the AC coil, clearing debris, and inspecting the evaporator coils and condensate drain. This preventive care helps the system work at peak efficiency while protecting against long-term damage.

During a seasonal HVAC tune, technicians perform more than simple cleaning. They check

refrigerant levels, inspect motors and belts, and test thermostat function to make sure HVAC equipment is operating safely. Safety checks verify that heating and cooling systems can handle the heavy demands of summer or winter without unexpected failure. This comprehensive service reduces wear and tear while ensuring home comfort.

The financial benefits of preventive maintenance are clear. A system that runs efficiently requires less energy to heat and cool the home, resulting in lower monthly utility bills. Consistent maintenance extends the system's lifespan, delaying the costly replacement of the AC unit or furnace. Over time, these savings add up to significant energy savings and reduced repair costs.

Reliability is another significant advantage. Losing air conditioning units in a summer heat wave or a winter freeze is stressful and often expensive. Emergency repairs during peak demand can be challenging to schedule and costly. Preventive maintenance reduces this risk, giving homeowners confidence that their system will work when needed most.

Seasonal HVAC maintenance also supports sustainability goals. HVAC equipment that runs efficiently consumes less energy, producing fewer emissions and easing strain on the power grid. For families committed to environmentally responsible living, seasonal HVAC maintenance is a practical step that combines energy savings with reliable comfort.

Indoor air quality also benefits from consistent service. Cleaning evaporator coils, filters, and the outdoor unit reduces dust and debris that would otherwise circulate indoors. This enhances home comfort and promotes healthier air, while also enabling heating and cooling systems to operate more efficiently.

D'Ambrosia compares preventive maintenance for HVAC equipment to routine car care. Just as oil changes prevent costly engine repairs, seasonal HVAC maintenance prevents expensive breakdowns caused by dirt, blockages, or worn parts. By scheduling a seasonal HVAC tune, homeowners protect their investment, improve efficiency, and secure long-term comfort.

The full article, [Avoiding Surprise HVAC Breakdowns with Seasonal Maintenance](#), features Rick D'Ambrosia of Aire Serv of Rochester, who explains how cottonwood seeds, AC coil cleaning, preventive maintenance, and seasonal HVAC tune-ups all support energy efficiency, extend system lifespan, and improve heating and cooling reliability in HelloNation.

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