

Mission Air Sees Surge in Emergency AC Repair Calls as McAllen Hits 100°F

South Texas HVAC Contractor Reports Peak-Season Service Volume as Aging Systems Reach Their Breaking Point

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MCALLEN, Texas — August 2026 — Mission Air Conditioning, a locally owned HVAC and insulation company serving McAllen and the Rio Grande Valley, is reporting a sharp increase in emergency AC repair calls as South Texas temperatures push past 100 degrees during the peak of summer.

According to Jose Zavala, owner of Mission Air Conditioning, August is consistently the month when marginal systems finally give out. Units that have been running nonstop since May, often with a weakening capacitor, low refrigerant, or a coil that's overdue for cleaning, tend to hold on through the milder stretches of summer before failing outright once triple-digit heat pushes them past what they can handle.

"By August, an AC system has already put in a full season of overtime," said Zavala. "We see the same pattern every year: a unit that was struggling in June finally quits in August, usually on the hottest day of the week. The frustrating part is that most of these failures had warning signs weeks earlier, longer cooling times, a rising AEP Texas bill, a noise that wasn't there before. By the time it's a full breakdown, it's an emergency instead of a scheduled fix."

The surge in emergency calls reflects broader conditions across the Rio Grande Valley, where the



A Mission Air Conditioning technician repairs an outdoor AC unit in McAllen, TX, where emergency service calls spike each summer as temperatures push past 100°F.

combination of extended cooling seasons and consistently extreme summer heat puts more cumulative strain on residential AC systems than in most parts of the country. Unlike climates with a short cooling season, RGV systems often run ten to eleven months out of the year, meaning small inefficiencies compound over a much longer operating window before they surface as a failure.

Mission Air Conditioning has expanded its service capacity to meet the seasonal demand, prioritizing same-day response for households facing total cooling loss, particularly where a heat-vulnerable resident is involved. The company emphasizes that not every AC issue requires emergency service, and encourages homeowners to have a system checked at the first sign of trouble rather than waiting for a full breakdown during peak heat.

"We'd rather see a system in June, when it's a simple fix, than in August, when it's an emergency," Zavala said. "But when it is an emergency, that's exactly when we move fastest. No pressure, no upselling, just an honest diagnosis and a clear price before we touch anything."

Mission Air Conditioning offers AC repair, AC replacement, HVAC maintenance, and spray foam insulation services across McAllen, Edinburg, Mission, and the surrounding Rio Grande Valley, with same-day emergency repair available based on current demand.

About Mission Air Conditioning Mission Air Conditioning is a locally owned HVAC and insulation company serving McAllen, Edinburg, Mission, and the Rio Grande Valley. Specializing in AC repair, AC replacement, HVAC maintenance, and spray foam insulation, Mission Air provides honest, no-pressure service to residential and light commercial customers across South Texas. Learn more about [emergency AC repair in McAllen](#).

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