



Tucson's Original: How Rite Way Heating, Cooling & Plumbing Has Kept Southern Arizona Comfortable for Over 65 Years

Tucson's Homegrown AC Company Since 1959, Rite Way Has Grown to 400+ Employees – Without Ever Leaving the Community It Calls Home

TUCSON, AZ, UNITED STATES, September 24, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Some businesses come to Tucson. Rite Way Heating, Cooling & Plumbing was born here. Founded in 1959 by people who lived in this community, raised families here, and understood firsthand what Southern Arizona summers demand, Rite Way has spent more than six decades doing one thing above all else: taking care of neighbors. The name says it all – do it right, every single time.

That commitment hasn't wavered. What started as a small local heating and cooling operation has grown into the largest heating, air conditioning, and plumbing company headquartered in Tucson, Arizona – now employing more than 400 people across Tucson, Sierra Vista, and Phoenix. The soul of the company, though, remains exactly where it started – right here in Pima County, serving the people and neighborhoods that helped build it.

"We've always believed that if you take care of people the right way, everything else follows," said Rick Walter, President of Rite Way Heating, Cooling & Plumbing. "That's not a business strategy – that's just how you treat your neighbors. And in a lot of ways, that's exactly who our customers are."

Tucson tests its residents every summer, and Rite Way has shown up for that test year after year. From the Catalina Foothills to Green Valley, from Marana to Vail, from Saddlebrooke to Rita Ranch, Rite Way technicians have been the ones Pima County families call when they need [AC repair in Tucson](#) at 10 p.m. in July. That kind of trust is built slowly, over decades – and it's something no national chain can replicate.

The company backs that trust with a standard most HVAC companies won't touch. Rite Way guarantees that if a customer isn't fully satisfied with the equipment, the service, or even the people within the first year of installation, the company will make it right – or refund the investment entirely. It's the kind of accountability that has earned Rite Way an A+ accreditation from the Better Business Bureau of Southern Arizona and a spotless record with the Arizona Registrar of Contractors.

Rite Way's reach extends across the broader Southern Arizona region as well. Rite Way serves Sierra Vista and surrounding communities including Benson, Bisbee, and Tombstone, and has expanded into the Phoenix East Valley covering Gilbert, Mesa, Chandler, Scottsdale, and beyond. Wherever Rite Way operates, the standard is the same: show up, do the job right, and treat every home like it's your own.

That standard has earned Rite Way recognition at every level. The company recently became a first-time recipient of both the 2025 Dave Lennox Award – the pinnacle honor in Lennox's global dealer network – and the 2025 Lennox Centurion Award, which recognizes the top 5% of residential dealers across North America. Closer to home, Tucson readers have voted Rite Way Best in Air Conditioning and Heating four years in a row, and the company is the only HVAC contractor in Tucson to hold all five major industry dealer designations simultaneously.

Community has always been at the center of how Rite Way operates. The company's commitment to veterans goes beyond words – Rite Way earned the U.S. Department of Labor HIRE Vets Gold Medallion for actively recruiting and supporting veterans transitioning into civilian careers. The company also supports local sponsorships and community partnerships throughout the Tucson, Arizona, area and participates in the Tucson Electric Power Efficient Home Program to help local homeowners reduce energy costs and access rebates for new heating and cooling equipment.

Over 65 years, a lot has changed in this city. Neighborhoods have grown. Summers have gotten hotter. The skyline looks different. But Rite Way has remained a constant – the [AC company](#) Tucson has trusted longer than just about anything else in this town. Tucson-owned, Tucson-operated, and still doing it right.

About Rite Way Heating, Cooling & Plumbing

Founded in Tucson, Arizona in 1959, Rite Way Heating, Cooling & Plumbing is the largest heating, air conditioning, and plumbing company headquartered in Southern Arizona. With more than 400 employees across Tucson, Sierra Vista, and Phoenix, Rite Way delivers expert AC repair, installation, and maintenance along with full-service heating and plumbing to homes and businesses throughout Southern Arizona and the Phoenix East Valley. Rite Way is A+ accredited by the Better Business Bureau and is a proud recipient of the 2025 Dave Lennox Award and the 2025 Lennox Centurion Award. To schedule service, call Tucson/Sierra Vista at (520) 201-4626 or Phoenix at (480) 405-4010, or visit ritewayac.com.

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