

A comfortable home is not beyond reach

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Sometimes people call us thinking that there's something wrong with their air-conditioning system and that it needs to be replaced. That's not always the case. Frequently, we can come out and do service on the unit to make your home more comfortable.

Following are possible solutions for common complaints:

1. **One room is warmer or cooler than another.** It's possible that your home does not have proper duct design or there is incorrect air flow in the room for each room.
2. **Musty closets or rooms.** There might not be an air vent in the closet or not enough air flow in the room.
3. **Stuffy master bedrooms.** Air may not be properly circulating out of the room.
4. **The A/C system is short-cycling.** Your A/C unit may be oversized or there might be a problem with your system.
5. **The house is really dusty.** There might be a problem with your duct system, or you may need a better filtration system.
6. **Lights dimming on system start up.** The unit compressor may be having trouble starting, or there is inadequate voltage to the system.
7. **Always humid in the home.** The unit needs to be service or refrigerant is not moving through the system correctly. It's also possible the system is not sized correctly.
8. **Noisy return air vent.** There is a restricted filter or problem with the duct system/
9. **Allergies in the home.** This can be a result of an inadequate air filtration system.

If you're experiencing any of these complaints, call a local certified licensed HVAC contractor. In my next column, I'll give you tips on how to tell if the contractor you called is the contractor you want to hire.

Till next time, stay cool!