



How to use your new air conditioner

Our tips to help you get the most from your reverse cycle air conditioner

Set the temperature to save money



Remember to change the setting to 'cool' ❄️ for summer or 'heat' ☀️ for winter.



Set the temperature at 18°C–20°C in winter.



Set the temperature for cooling at 24°C–26°C in summer. Even on hot days, this is still comfortable for most people.

Remember: Every degree you increase or decrease your air conditioner affects your energy costs by around 15%.



Single air conditioners may not heat or cool an entire home. If you want to make your room cooler or warmer, close the doors of the room where your unit is.



Set the fan to Auto or High to increase air flow.

Using your air conditioner efficiently



Use the Powerful setting to quickly heat or cool a room. This should only take 15–20 minutes. Make sure you double check if your unit goes back to the normal setting on its own. In winter, your air conditioner may take 10–15 minutes to warm up before providing warm air. Larger systems may stop briefly for defrost cycles during the day.



Turn your unit off when you're not home. As air conditioners can heat and cool spaces quickly, this will help you save on energy costs.

Maximising efficiency



Clean your filters regularly. By removing dust, your unit will continue to work at its best. We've put simple instructions on how to clean your unit on the next page.

Stay comfortable longer



Use your air conditioner's timer to turn your unit on at times that suit you.

Close your curtains or blinds when your unit is on. This will:



- keep the heat out and the cool air in during summer
- keep warmth in and chill out during winter.

Cleaning your air conditioner

Your air conditioner's filters catch dust and particles. To keep it working properly, clean the filters regularly.

If the filters get too dusty, your air conditioner might:

- use more electricity
- make more noise.

How often you should clean them depends on how much you use it:

- at least twice a year
- every month if you use it most days.

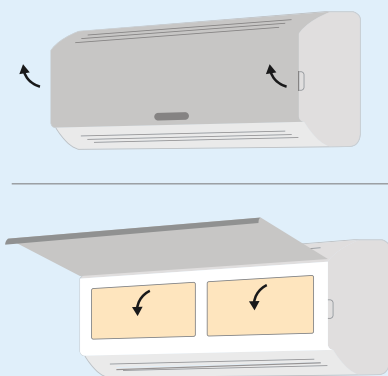
If it's hard for you to clean the filters yourself, ask a friend, neighbour, support worker, or your local area office for help.



A quick clean can save you money, and cleaning the filters is as easy as changing a light bulb!

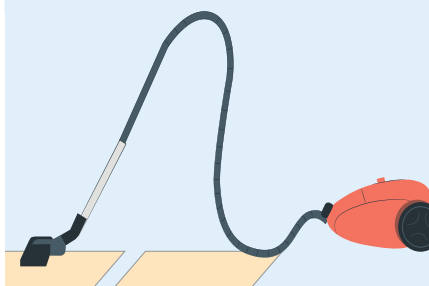
If you have a respiratory issue, you may want to clean your filters more often.

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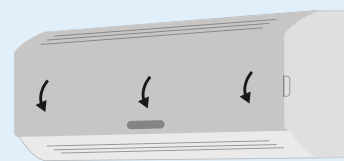
Make sure your air conditioner is off. To remove the filters, open the front panel and gently lift them from the frame.

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Use a vacuum cleaner to remove dust from the filter. If dust remains, rinse the filter under running water and gently brush with a soft brush. Air dry the filter in the shade.

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When dry, re-insert the filter into the filter frame. Close the front panel by gently pushing it at both sides and the middle.

Visit the website below for a visual guide on how to clean your air conditioner filter.

youtube.com/watch?v=oEg-oLwGZZs&t=90s



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