

The Ultimate HVAC Checklist for North Carolina Homeowners

For homeowners on the North Carolina coast, keeping up with HVAC checks is the difference between “ahhh” and “oh no!” Salty ocean air can do a number on your air conditioning and heating systems, causing parts to corrode faster than they would inland. Don’t face the humidity without an effective air conditioner by your side! These quick to-dos will keep your HVAC system tip-top for when you need it most.

Spring Means Sprucing Up

Are you ready for a Carolina coastal spring? Here are a few quick steps to make sure your cooling system is prepared for the first big heat wave.

- ☐ Replace air filters (ideally every 1-3 months)
- ☐ Test cooling mode on your thermostat
- ☐ Clear leaves/debris from outdoor unit
- ☐ Flush the [condensate drain line](#)
- ☐ Dust or vacuum around indoor vents and returns
- ☐ Schedule a spring tune-up to clean coils, check refrigerant, inspect fan motor
- ☐ Bonus: check windows and doors for air leaks

Fall is for Filters

Even though winters in Wilmington are mild, you’ll still want a system that’s ready when the temps drop and you want to be cozy.

- ☐ Replace air filters
- ☐ Switch the thermostat to heat to make sure it responds
- ☐ Clear outdoor unit of leaves, pine needles, or other debris
- ☐ Check thermostat schedule
- ☐ Dust or vacuum around indoor vents and returns
- ☐ Schedule a fall tune-up to inspect burners and check for CO leaks if gas-powered
- ☐ Bonus: check windows and doors for air leaks and install stopgaps

→ Remember! When it comes to HVAC maintenance, you’re better safe than sorry. Odyssey Mechanical’s certified techs are always happy to help or answer any questions. [\(910\) 392-6400](tel:9103926400)