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Hint and Tip Number 16: Maintaining Your Heat Pump   **March 12th, 2018**

When you had your heat pump installed, we're sure the Technicians advised you to clean your heat pump on a monthly basis and to have it professionally cleaned on a yearly basis.

How Do You Clean Your Heat Pump

1. **Clean the Housing:** Turn off the power supply before you clean your heat pump. Use a soft brush to clear dirt and debris from the air outlet grills. Mix some mild detergent and warm water in a basin. Dip a soft cloth into the water. Wring the cloth to remove most of the water. Wipe the exterior surface of the heat pump with the cloth. Rinse the cloth several times as you wipe to prevent dirt residue on the pump panels.

2. **Remove the Filters:** Check the arrows on the surface panel for directions on how to remove them. Take down the panel and clean it. Check the air filters for a tab which allows you to remove the filters. Hold the tab and carefully pull out the filters as guided by the arrows.

3. **Clean the Filters:** Remove the dust and debris from the filters with the help of a vacuum brush attachment or specialized brush made to clean the filters. Wash the filters in warm water with a bit of mild detergent. Use a soft bristled brush to clan the filters thoroughly. Rinse the filters and place them in a cool, secure place to dry completely. Avoid hot water when you clean your mini-split heat pump as it could cause discolouration. It is best to clean your filters once a month to help the unit run more efficiently.

4. **Re-install the Filters**: Retrieve your clean filters. Slide the filters into their slots as guided by the arrows. Close the panel. Restore the power to your heat pump. Repeat steps in the following month.

5. **Take Protective Measures:** Once a year your heat pump should be professionally cleaned in order to ensure all mold, mildew, pet dander and human DNA is removed to help your breath better air and maintain the efficiency of your unit. Contact the experts today.

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