

Covering you're A/C Unit. Right Or Wrong?

Now, this tip may be a tad bit premature, especially with our crazy Canadian weather. None the less it can help save you lots of money by preserving you're air conditioner.

The big question is, Should I cover my air conditioner during winter?

The answer is complex. Covering your air conditioner until you need to use it again can help to keep your coils a little cleaner, so it may run more efficiently the coming spring. It can also prevent water from getting into the coils and freezing which can cause major damage. You're probably saying "why not cover it up? it sounds pretty smart."

Well, there are cons to covering it up also. One of which being, that when you cover up the unit, and the sun beats down on the cover it creates a humid environment, which can destroy the wiring, circuitry, and electrical windings. It's also a tempting place for rodents and other small creatures to take refuge, as the sun hits the covered air conditioner it acts like a car in summertime. This gives chilly little rodents a warm spot to hide, which means the possibility of chewed wiring harnesses for their bedding.

Like I said "complex" right? Do we cover them or not? Well here is the answer. Air conditioners are built to withstand the harsh conditions of a Canadian winter, and therefore don't need to be covered. However, a proper covering is best. Covering the air conditioner properly means only covering the top 1/2 of the unit. This helps prevent water and snow from getting into the unit while still allowing air to flow, preventing humidity. It's also crucial take it off in the spring. This is really, because if you don't do it early you might forget it's covered when you need it, which will over heat the motor.