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Clean Indoor Air

(NAPSA)—For clean, fresh air in your house, you need effective filters in your heating and cooling ducts. This is especially important if you have pets, plants, or people with allergies around. The newer sort of filters can remove more and much smaller particles than could older fiberglass filters.

Dirty filters let dirt, allergens and mold spores in. So do leaks around duct joints. Contaminants cause the heating and cooling system to work harder, use more energy and wear out faster.



Pet dander and hair can accumulate in the HVAC system.

Fortunately, you can address this issue by having the ducts cleaned regularly by a member of the National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA). It's a trade association of the HVAC inspection, cleaning and restoration industry and its members have signed a Code of Ethics and invested time and resources into industry-related training and education. They also have general liability insurance. The contractor should conduct a thorough inspection of the entire HVAC system before doing any work and tell you about any problems.

You can find a NADCA member at <http://nadca.com/en/prosearch/all>. Enter your zip code or state to find a certified professional near you.