

Duct Facts

(NAPS)—Be warned: Dirt, allergens and pollutants may be lurking in the cleanest home, hidden away where you can't see them—but you can get help getting rid of them.

Why

The mold, fungi, bacteria and dust clogging your home's heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system can affect your family's health.



For a healthier home, don't duck duct cleaning.

When

Frequency of cleaning depends on whether there are pets or smokers in the house, there's been water damage or remodeling done or anyone has allergies or asthma.

How

The most effective way to clean air ducts and ventilation systems is to have a professional contractor place the system under negative pressure, through the use of a specialized, powerful vacuum.

Who

Ask if the contractor you're considering is a member of the National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA). These have a Code of Ethics and follow NADCA Standard.

Where

Find a nearby association member at www.nadca.com.