

# Hints For The Home



## Tips On Taking Care Of Your Home's HVAC System

(NAPSA)—If you get hot under the collar at the thought of your home's heating and cooling system breaking down, these simple tips can help keep everything cool and comfortable:

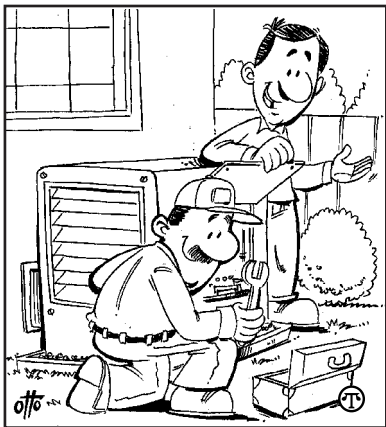
- Clean your heating and air conditioning filters monthly. Dirty filters make equipment work harder and cause more wear and tear on the system—and increase your energy bill.

- Use cooling equipment approved by the EPA and bearing the Energy Star logo. A properly sized and installed Energy Star air conditioner uses 20 percent less electricity than a standard air conditioner.

- Have a technician give your home's cooling system a pre-season tune-up so that everything is running efficiently when the 80-degree days arrive.

- Have heating and cooling equipment installed and serviced by a NATE-certified HVAC technician. A NATE-certified technician knows heating and cooling. Energy Star and major manufacturers support the NATE-certification program.

This information is provided by North American Technician Excellence (NATE), the nation's largest



### **YOUR HOME—READY FOR HOT WEATHER? It will be if the cooling system has had a tune-up.**

non-profit certification organization for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) technicians. The U.S. Department of Energy endorses NATE for its dedication in raising quality standards for installation and maintenance of HVAC equipment and contributing to increased energy efficiency.

To locate a contractor employing NATE-certified technicians in your area, visit the Consumer Contractor Connection on the NATE Web site at [www.natex.org](http://www.natex.org).