

HOW TO CHANGE AN OVEN FILTER



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Install Geothermal Furnace Filter

Your forced air geothermal furnace has an air filter that is the same way a normal furnace does. The main job of this filter is to protect the furnace fan from being damaged by foreign objects sucked into the return vents. The second task is to clean airborne dust to maintain a

healthy environment for the occupants. Your furnace filter should be changed at least every three months. A monthly filter inspection is the best way to keep your furnace running efficiently.

Step 1 - Find The Furnace Filter

If you need to <u>replace the furnace filter</u>, you must locate it first. If it is part of a forced-air system, you will notice the filter returning to the air. If your furnace is electric or gaseous, the furnace filter is inside the unit.

Step 2 - Remove The Oven Filter

The filter that resides in the furnace can come in several similar styles. It may be made of a material similar to fiberglass insulation wrapped in thick paper. Another type can be made of durable plastic and mesh material.

Regardless of type, remove the oven filter by grasping the front of it. Be careful when pulling it out of the oven so as not to damage it. Some oven filters can be attached with several screws that you must remove before you can remove the filter.

Step 3 - Cleaning An Oven Filter

If the filter is made of durable plastic with a mesh filter or foam, you can manually remove the debris. It looks like fluff on a screen. If you have a foam plate oven filter, you can beat it to remove loose dust and then wash it.

Once the filter is dry, you can replace it in the frame and place it back in the oven.

Step 4 - Replace The Furnace Filter

If you have a single-use furnace filter or a damaged part, you can just throw it away as normal. Use a small vacuum to remove any dust and debris that may be in the oven where the filter was located.

Replace The Oven Filter

A newer, better filter will certainly be worth it in the long run. With a new filter, the air in the house becomes cleaner because there is less dust and you have less to worry about. Keep in mind that good filters need to be replaced more often.

How often you need to change your filter also depends on the type of home you have, your pets, and where you live.

Access To The Main Air Ducts

Remove the caps from the rectangular ductwork. You don't need to clean the main air ducts, but you can do it if you want to remove as much dust as possible. First, check if you have rectangular ductwork. If so, go ahead and slide the disks down with pliers. Then pull the caps

off the briefs. The terminology may sound technical, but figuring out when you're on it should be pretty easy.

The drives are the long, vertical pieces of metal on your rectangular ductwork. Vacuum the dust. Take your vacuum hose and slide it into the space created by removing the caps. This should be pretty easy unless the channel is against the wall. Vacuum out as much dirt and dust as possible. Then check out what you did with a flashlight. Vacuum again if it doesn't look as clean as you'd like.

Remove the inner basement registers. Typically, the ductwork in your home will have a few registers dedicated to the flow of air in your basement. Remove those registers and vacuum them.

Hire a professional. Hopefully, the job was done to your liking, but it's fine if you can't clean the channels as well as you would have liked. Some problems, such as mold, are too big to tackle yourself. Then call in a professional.