

6 Steps To Clean Your HVAC System.

The only supplies you'll need to do the job are a pair of gloves, a roll of reflective metal tape, a flat-head screw driver and a can of no-rinse coil cleaning solution, which you can pick up at your nearest hardware or all-purpose department store.

The cleaning procedure is as follows:

1. After you find your air handler, turn off the unit switch or the circuit breaker to cut the power.
2. Remove the metal tape that seals the edges of the coil access panel.
3. Use the screwdriver to loosen the screws that hold the access panel in place, then remove the panel completely. The curving shape of the coils, on the sides of the metal A-frame makes them easy to identify. They look like your car's radiator.
4. Spray the coils with the no-rinse **foaming cleaner** until you have them fully covered. The liquid will slowly drip off and collect in the air conditioner's condensate pan below.
5. Place Drain pan tab or strip in the condensate pan where the condensation from the coils drip. Do not block the drain hole.
6. Attach outdoor Condenser coil cleaner to a garden hose and spray all the microchannels coils starting at the top and working down all the way around the outdoor unit.

Since you already have the access panel off, this would be an excellent time to check the condensate pan for mold or mildew and the condensate drain pipe for blockage. To test for drain pipe blockage, simply pour some water with 50% bleach down through the drain tube to make sure it is clear. Put a **drain pan gel tab** in place to prevent mildew growth and replace your air filter with a **fresh pleated filter** to keep your system clean and operating at peak efficiency.

