



Whole House Air Cleaner Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a special kind of heating or cooling system to accommodate an Aprilaire Whole House Air Cleaner?

Virtually any homeowner with an accessible, ducted, forced-air heating or cooling system can have an Aprilaire Whole House Air cleaner installed...and should!

What's the difference between the HEPA filters I hear so much about and the Aprilaire Whole House Air Cleaner?

HEPA filters are very efficient at removing extremely small particles from small volumes of air. However, HEPA filters restrict airflow in addition to pollutants, so these systems cannot be used to filter all of the air going through a residential furnace. Aprilaire Whole House Air Cleaners use the same type of filtration technology as HEPA filters, but with a lower restriction of airflow. Its pleated micro-fiber filter cleans all the air moving through your heating/cooling system every time it runs. Consequently, all the air can be cleaned throughout your entire home, not just a single room. And more contaminants can be captured...from smoke and dust to allergens, bacteria and viruses.

How does the Aprilaire Electron Air Cleaner differ from portable electronic air cleaners that I've seen advertised?

Many portable electronic air cleaners do a fine job of cleaning air in smaller areas where they must occupy your living space. They do need to be cleaned more frequently, however, and are less effective than Whole House Air Cleaners.

How often does the micro-fiber filter in the Aprilaire Whole House Air Cleaner need to be changed and can I replace it myself?

Your micro-fiber filter will typically last up to one full year. (Naturally, the life of the filter is dependent upon the total volume of air being moved through it as well as the amount of particulate it is filtering in your home.) We can change the filter for you in just a few minutes as part of your regular seasonal heating/cooling system maintenance.

Is the Aprilaire Electronic Air Cleaner a complicated piece of machinery with a million wires that only an electrical engineer can work on?

On the contrary...you'll appreciate the simple design, operation, and infrequent maintenance requirements of Aprilaire Whole House Air Cleaners. There are no moving parts, so you'll likely be seeing us just once a year when it's time to change the filter and give your heating/cooling equipment a quick and simple inspection.