



Don't Wait to Get Your A/C Inspected

An early summer tune-up can prevent your air conditioning system from going on the fritz later when the weather is so hot you will not want to be without air conditioning.

It's typically around \$100 to have a professional inspection of your system, and it's well worth the money.

Some contractors offer an annual preventive maintenance agreement, which will cost a few hundred dollars a year and typically includes a fall and spring inspection of your HVAC system and discounts on repairs and equipment. A better deal, most often, is to pay as you go for individual inspections.

Either way, your cooling system will get attention from a qualified, licensed service technician who is trained to spot problems that most homeowners overlook. The tech might even alert you if a small repair now will prevent your family from sweltering later in the summer during an a/c breakdown.



Right of Way Spray Areas 2022

Decatur Area

Hwy 58, Cymer Ln, Moon Circle, Legg Hollow Rd, Old Hwy 30, CO Rd 412, N No Pone Valley, Academy Rd, Sam Davis Rd, Co Rd 100, CO Rd 85, CO Rd 84, CO Rd 50, CO Rd 92, CO Rd, 334, Breeden Dr, Breeden Ct, polymer Dr, Pawnee Ln.

Harrison Bay/Ooltewah

Bramlett Rd, Hydrus Dr, Tonya Dr, Condra Dr, Walnut Hills, Maude Ln, Sims Rd, Sims Harris Rd, Lynn Rd, Lakeside Rd, Pearson Rd, Birchwood Pike, Gamble Rd, Lynn Ln, Jared Rd, Hinkle Rd, Prism Trl, Henry Rd, Friddell Rd, Maple Ln, Hickory Ln, Dogwood Dr, Willow Point, Crestwood Trl, Hamilton Island Dr, Water Edge Ln, Burcell Ln, Hwy 58, Banther Rd, Yellow Pines, Leamon Rd, McDaniel Rd, Career Ln, Rodney Ln, Forrest Pond Dr, Cedar Crest Ln, Savannah Estates Dr, Pine Haven Dr, Patricia Cir, Alvin Cir, Bryan Rd, Kevin Ln, Hidden Hills Rd, Wooded Vale Ct, Hidden Way, Boxelder Ln, Hidden Branches Rd, Morning Glory Dr, Harrison Bay Rd, Snow Hill Rd, Monger Ln, Snow Hill View Ln, Sutton Rd, Runyan Hills Ln, County Hill Ln, Hitching Post Trl, Quarter Horse Ln, Upper Ln, Ron Rd, Bill Gross Ln, Weldon Ln, Cooley Rd, Runyan Rd, Dana Michelle Rd, Gamble Rd, Grazing Ln, Mahan Gap Rd, Ooltewah Georgetown Rd, Firetower Rd, Water Tower Rd, Elbermaet Ln, Long Savannah Rd, Kildee Dr, Bebe Branch Ln, Goslin Ln, Nesting Trl, Diamondhead Dr, Turtle Ln, Scaley Bark Cir, Old Birchwood Rd, Mountain View Rd, Profit Rd, Rancho Dr, Blanche Rd, Green Gap Rd, Providence Rd, McDaniel Ln, Biggs Rd, Blueberry Ln, Stone Ln, Joyce Ln, Greenwood Rd, Island Point Dr, Roy Ln, Kitrell Ln, Twisting Creek Ln, Savannah Trl, Bayridge Rd, Ramsey Rd, Stone Dr, Eamanon Rd, Dogwood Dr, Ramseytown Rd, Water Acres Rd, Shirley Pond Rd, Brenda Dr, Ramsey Forgey Rd, Harrison Hills Rd.

Calhoun

Hwy 163, CO Rd 950, CO Rd 955, CO Rd 954, CO Rd 731, CO Rd 732, CO Rd 757, CO Rd 779, CO Rd 780, CO Rd 775, CO Rd 781, CO Rd 967.

Cleveland/Charleston/Riceville/Benton/Reliance

Freewill Rd, New Murraytown Rd, Hidden Valley Rd, Elkmont Rd, Georgetown Rd, Old Georgetown Rd, Eureka Rd, Davis Trl, Champion Dr, Sharp Dr, Wylou Dr, Mowery Ln, Glensera Dr, Moore Rd, McPherson Rd, Beaverdam Rd, Candies Creek Ridge Rd, Mowery Rd, Van Davis Rd, No Pone Rd, Village Dr, Morgan Rd, Francisco Rd, Old No Pone Rd, Gum Springs Rd, Eads Bluff Rd, Lower River Rd, Riverview Dr, Ken Dr, Sue Cir, Sam Johnson Rd, Mt Zion Rd, Stanfield Rd, Kincannon Dr, Gamble Rd, Old Georgetown St, Gregory Ln, Carnation Ave, Azeala Ave, Tulip Ave, Aster Dr, Miles Ct, Frontage Rd, Asterwood Ln, Asterwood Trl, Alexian Way, Brewer Dr, Windcrest Pl, Hooper Gap Rd, Mouse Creek Rd, Burris Ln, Rabbit Valley Rd, Stiles Ave, Millard Dr, Georgetown Cir, White Oak Valley Rd, Cobblestone Creek Rd, Knobhill Dr, Ooltewah-Georgetown Rd, Old Hwy 58, Bradley Ln, Hwy 60, Owl Hollow Rd, Bancroft Rd, Harrison Pike, Withrow Rd, Mountain Rd, Mountain Cir, Aspen Way, Harris Creek Rd, Harris Creek Trl, Old Harrison Cir, Laurel Bluff Rd, Bent Tree Dr, Rollins Ridge Rd, Burley Dr, Hannah Cir, Old Freewill Rd, Bigsby Creek Rd, Cleveland-Dalton Rd, Mitchell Rd, Johnson Rd, Strawhill Church Rd, Poteet Rd, Red Hill Valley Rd, Flint Springs Rd, Wyatt Long Rd, Meadow Ln, Armstrong Rd, Ramsey Bridge Rd, Strawhill Rd, East Bunt Dr, Wen Dell Ln, Hunt Rd, Trewitt Rd, Red Hill Valley Rd, Clara Ln, Charles Cir, Danview St, Keith Valley Rd, Gap Springs Rd, Spring Place Rd, Bucks Pocket Rd, Hughes Lake Rd, Sugar Creek Rd, Charlie Swanner Rd, Samples Chapel Rd, Reagan Rd, Stone Reagan Rd, Humbard Rd, Ensley Rd, Union Rd, Ruth Ln, Kansas Ln, Ledford Calfee Rd, Hunt Rd, Mikel Rd, Valley View Rd, Green Shadow Rd, Zion Hill Rd, Sandridge Rd, Carter Rd, Millerbrook Cir, Melton Rd, Goode Rd, Mt. Bethel Rd, Hwy 411, George Bates Rd, Lightfoot Rd, Smith Rd, Oak St, Memory Ln, Alloway Rd, Antioch Church Rd, Mt View Rd, Hicks Dr, Joe Bein Rd, Hidden Ln, Roy Cambell Ln, Woodbine Dr, Perimeter Rd, Hambright Rd, East Ave, Love Ln, Hwy 30.

Cumberland County/Putnam County/White County

Plateau Rd, McClanahan Dr, Trails End, Interstate Ln, Stanley Hood Rd, Schuberts Ln, Custer Rd, Linder Loop, Baier Rd, Tom Welch Rd, Dykes Ln, Caryonah Rd, Carey Dr, Pugh Cemetery Rd, Jonia Ln, Drowning Creek Rd, Cumberland Cove area, Hwy 70N Junior Camp Rd, Hwy 127 from Virgil Smith Rd south to Interstate Dr, Old Jamestown Hwy, Sweeney Dr, Stout Dr, Woodlawn Rd, Wyatt Ct, Sparta Hwy, West Ave, Hodge Ave, Neal Ave, Town Loop, Highland Sq, Sunset Dr, Sunset Ln, Sandra Ln, Sparta Dr, Maranath Ln, River Ln, Poplar St, Holiday Dr, Waterview Dr, Shoreline Dr, Mockingbird Dr, Iris Cir, Ponderosa Dr, Larch Dr, Bobwhite Dr, Orange Cir, Iris Cir, Marymont Dr, Chelsea Dr, Mulberry Cir, Tangerine Cir, Wren Cir, Cardinal Loop, Robin Cir, Bluebird Cir, Mallard Cir, Flamingo Dr, Sandpiper Loop, Albatross Cir, Holiday Ct, Tennessee Ave, St James Pl, Cedar Ridge Ln, Kings Row, Knights Way, Dillion St, The Gardens Dr, Lee Cir, Frost Rd, Jedd Dr, Baisley Dr, Howard Springs Rd, Norman Dr, Daren Dr, Red Williams Rd, Coal Bank Rd, North Star Rd, Ashberry Rd, Cross St, Leo Ave, Short St, Flat Rock Rd, Spring Haven Ln, Moonlight Trl, Wigwam St, Timber Trl, Arrowhead Dr, Woodland Trl, Ripley Rd, Geers Lake Rd, Waynes Rd, Hwy 70 S, Old Bon Aire Rd, Camp Belle Air Rd, Pinewood Rd, Kingwood Dr, Lake Rd, Holiday Ln, Phifer Rd, Corolla Rd, Randolph Rd, Goff Rd, Gena Cir, Gladstone Acres Rd, Low Gap Rd, Holman Rd, Spur Rd, Bluffline DR, Scenic Dr, Mesa Trl, Brushwood Trl, Vandy Cir, Grandview Dr.

Jamestown

Jamestown City Limits, County Rd, White Oak St, White Oak Rd, Barney Holt Rd, Hensley Rd, Iris Ave, Minnie Ave, Charles Price Rd, Cast Knepp Rd, Billy Ridge Rd, Old Wolf River Rd, John Owens Rd, Hickory Hill Dr, Pickett Park Hwy, Ike Blevins Jr Rd, Fair Oaks Ln, Sleepy Hollow Rd, Windcrest Dr, Pine Mountain Rd, Bear Hollow Rd, Cavers Ln, Stewart Creek Rd, Ridge Rd, Northwood Rd, Sunshine Ln, Gas Line Rd, Joe Barnett Rd, Water Fall Rd, Aggie Valley Dr, Sarah Beth Dr, Crockett Cemetery Rd, Louvaine Rd, Copley Cemetery Rd, Ridgetop Dr, Valley Ridge Rd, Bama Loop Rd, Buck Ridge Rd, Stone Haven Trl, Bowden Ln, Darrow Ridge Rd, Foxfire Trc, Wildwood Ln, Sylvan Trl, Fawn Ct, Leatherwood Ford Rd, Wheeler Ln, North Fork Dr, Watson Rd, Tanglewood Blvd, Dorthy Dr, Wildcat Rd, Red Oak Dr, Maple Ln, Spruce Creek Dr, Wilderness Ln, Saddle Dr, Deer Haven Trl, Evergreen Ln, Bear Pen Rd, Chariet Trl, Rockhouse Pass, Obey Blevins Rd, Retreat Rd, Hidden Ln, Dewey Burks Rd, Cherokee Ln, Wallace Terry Rd, Sandy Creek Rd, Akers Chapel Loop, Black House Mountain Rd

A Little Room for Safety

Electricity is a significant part of our modern lives. It is all around us, powering everything from cellphones to hospital equipment. Electric power maintains such a presence in our modern society that it's easy to forget that it can also be dangerous.

Our team here at VEC works with electricity each day, and familiarity could allow us to get comfortable with risk. That's why we constantly remind our team about the dangers they face when working with electricity. Most of our employees attend safety training events each month, and crew leaders hold tailgate discussions about the dangers of each job. We work hard to make safety an important part of everything we do.

Most likely, you don't have routine safety trainings to remind yourself to be safe around electricity, and that's why we think Electrical Safety Month is important. Celebrated each May, it is a great time to raise awareness of electrical safety.

Should you cross paths with one of our crews — whether they are restoring power following a storm or performing routine maintenance — here are some important things to remember to keep you and our crews safe:

Don't enter the workspace. Even routine work has the potential to be dangerous, and it requires the full attention of our crew and their colleagues. Everyone is responsible for the team's safety, and

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VEC Customers Share Awards \$25,000 in Grants

VEC Customers Share is a grant program funded through the rounding up of member's bills to the nearest dollar. The most an individual member would pay within a year is \$11.88. Our members' yearly average is usually about \$5.50.

In return for the rounded up change from our members, we contribute to organizations across our 17 county service area. Each month, the VEC Customers Share Board meets and distributes the funds collected in the previous month. A board member represents every service area. In April, VEC Customers Share Grants totaled \$25,000.

Grant recipients included the Cumberland County Rescue Squad. The grant money they received (\$1,330) will help them purchase new equipment like a sonar system, which will help assist their drivers in locating vehicles and drowned victims.

"We are so grateful to be receiving this grant," said Tina Powell, Cumberland County Rescue Squad Treasurer. "This grant is going to help in so many ways."

Since the inception of the program in October 2001, VEC Customers Share members have awarded over \$7.4 million in grants. The deadline for grant applications is the last working day of each month. For additional information, contact the Office of Marketing and Economic Development at (423) 334-7051. Applications are also available online at <https://vec.org/community-programs/vecustomers-share/>.



Cumberland County VEC Customers Share Board Members Holly Neal (left) and Roger Thackston (right) present a check to Tina Powell and Eddie Frady, Cumberland County Rescue Squad Representatives.

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distractions can have deadly consequences. This is also important for your own safety. Trucks and equipment on the ground could be energized while crews are working above, and contacting that equipment could be disastrous. Plus, you never know when something heavy might fall from above. If you have questions, call our office or speak to the crew leader after the job is finished.

Keep animals away. If you have a dog, keep it indoors or on a leash while lineworkers are on or near your property. While most dogs are friendly, some are defensive of their territory and can't distinguish between a burglar and a utility worker.

Know who's there. We recognize that for your family's safety, you want to make sure only authorized workers are on or near your property. You will recognize VEC employees by their VEC uniforms and hardhats and the service trucks with our name and logo on them. You might also recognize our lineworkers because they live right here in our local community.

Slow down, and move over. In addition to giving lineworkers some space while they are near your property, we also ask that you move over or slow down when approaching a utility vehicle on the side of the road. This extra barrier of safety helps keep us all safe.



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Organizations receiving grants in March

Salem Baptist Church - Vacation Bible School Dept	\$2,000	Bradley County Master Gardeners	\$500
Amerifest	\$1,200	Meigs County High School Archery Team	\$500
Pleasant Hill Historical Society	\$1,000	Willsonthropic Inc. DBA Friendly City Festivals	\$500
Friends of the Art Circle Library (Children's Programs)	\$1,000	The Comfort Zone	\$500
Polk County High School Girls/Boys Basketball	\$1,000	First Southern Baptist Church - Food Pantry and Community Service	\$500
Stone Memorial FFA	\$1,000	Meigs Decatur Public Library	\$500
Fentress County Children's Center	\$1,000	Pickett County Historical & Genealogical Society	\$500
Alvin C. York-Mark Twain FFA	\$1,000	Meigs County 4-H	\$500
5 Loaves Food Pantry	\$1,000	Habitat for Humanity of Cleveland	\$500
Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department	\$1,000	Karis Community Health	\$500
Central High School Ruriteen Club	\$1,000	Pickett County Soil Conservation Club	\$500
Americans Veterans Post 911	\$1,000	Fair Park Senior Center	\$500
Critterz Inc.	\$500	Monterey Baseball Boosters	\$400
Friends of Pickett County Library	\$500	Monterey Anglers Booster Club	\$400
Helping Hands Community Food Pantry	\$500	Braves Little League	\$300
Christian Academy of the Cumberlands	\$500	Shenandoah Academy - Project Playground	\$250
Spring City Light House Senior Center	\$500	Iglesia Cristiana Un Nuevo Comienzo Para Todos	\$250
Meigs County Anglers Fishing Team	\$500	Mended Hearts Chapter 127	\$100
		Toys for Children	\$100

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Residential & Outdoor Lighting Fuel Cost Adjustment Effective

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Dusty Indoor Air Could Mean Leaky Ducts

If the air inside your house is dusty, it might mean your air conditioning ducts have sprung leaks.

If you're changing your air conditioner filter regularly, it will trap dust and pollutants that get into the indoor air so they never make their way into the duct system—or back into the air.

But if the ducts have tiny holes, cracks, and/or joints that aren't well-sealed, dust can bypass the filter and sneak directly into the ducts. Once dust gets in there, the duct system will blow it into your home.

Dust in the ducts and in the air can raise the temperature in your home and force your air conditioning system to operate inefficiently as well as struggle to keep your home cool during the summer.

It's well worth it to have the ducts of your air conditioning system sealed at the joints.

Not only will the sealing prevent dust from flying around your house, but it could also reduce your air conditioning bills this summer.

