

Fall Air-Conditioning Switch Off

1. Typically, the air-conditioning will be switched off by Maintenance when maximum temperatures fall into the 60's for a consistent period of time.
2. As long as the heat isn't switched on, air-conditioning can be turned back on. However, this ability should not be abused by continually turning the system off and on.
3. Once the heat is turned on, air-conditioning will not be available again until spring. The reason for this is that once the heat is on, the water must be drained from the outdoor chillers. Further, it takes several hours to switch over the valves on the heating and A/C systems in many buildings. It takes 1-2 days for the water in the system to cool off or heat up before the opposite water can be run through the system to provide the desired heating or air-conditioning.

Fall Heating Activation

IMPORTANT: Once the heat is turned on, it cannot be switched off. This is because the system has to be drained of water when shut off. Additionally, it takes 2-3 days for the water to cool enough that it can begin to be chilled to activate the air-conditioning.

Helping Residents Ensure their Heat Works

1. **Control Valves and Thermostats:** In many cases, the valves you use to turn the heat up or down are located right in front of a window. But what most don't realize is that there is a thermostat inside that valve. Therefore: a resident can turn their heat all the way down and then open a window. The cold air will hit that thermostat and then the heat will kick on anyway, even if they put it as the lowest setting. So, to keep the system from running, tell your residents to keep the windows closed!
2. **Building Wide Thermostat:** The building as a whole is set to where if the outside temperature hits approximately 55-60 degrees, the whole system shuts off. This is to save energy when it's not really too bad outside. However, it may have to get back down to 50 degrees outside or so to kick it back on. This can be adjusted if the temperature lingers for days in that in between zone and heat is needed. Just send me an email.
3. **Need more heat? Unblock the area around your heater!** Air-flow is key to how a register works. When residents block their registers with desks and other junk, air can't get through there and then the heat can't spread around the room.