

Which Air Filter is Right For You?



As you walk into the hardware store to find the right air filter, beware. You may become overwhelmed with various filter options. To avoid air filter confusion, follow this simple checklist for choosing the right air filter for you and your home:

THE RIGHT SIZE.

This can be found on the existing filter or in the manual for your HVAC system. Write this number down to ensure you get the proper size. Having the correct size increases effectiveness and helps lower your electricity bill.

THE RIGHT TYPE.

The right type. As with many things in life, you have plenty of options. The filters are rated on a MERV scale of 1-16. Do your research and find which filter works best for your system and what is recommended. Below is a simple guide to the different types of air filters.

- Electrostatic filters: MERV 1-4
- Cartridge Filters: MERV 5-8
- Box Filters: MERV 9-16
- Throwaway filters: MERV 1-8
- Pleated Filters: MERV 5-8
- Bag Filters: MERV 9-16

THE RIGHT PLACEMENT

This seems insignificant, but it is crucial for your filter's effectiveness that it is positioned properly into your HVAC system. Follow the arrows on the filter and make sure it is facing the correct direction for proper air flow and filtration.

THE RIGHT LENGTH OF TIME

A typical disposable filter will last for about 90 days. If you have a pet, replace the filter every 60 days. These amounts are not set so keep an eye on your filter and change the filter as needed. Set reminders on your cell phone to help ensure that you stay on top of the proper timetable for the replacement of your filter.

THE RIGHT PEOPLE

If you have any questions about your air filter or your HVAC system, reach out to the experts at Aire Serv®. Their trained professionals are skilled at helping you get the best efficiency out of your HVAC system.

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