

HOME MAINTENANCE GUIDE

FURNACE





Locate the furnace. It is typically closed off and looks like a closet. On the main unit, there is a slot for the filter. Note the direction of air flow. Remove the old filter and slide a new filter in place, then close the cover.



This filter is the correct way for air flow.



This filter is not.

WATER SHUTOFF









Shutting off the water to a leaking faucet can save water and prevent further damage. Above are a few common examples. Under sinks will be both a hot and cold water line, while behind toilets there will be only cold. Hot water heaters have a shutoff controlling all hot water for the house. It is also important to know the main water shutoff.

BREAKER BOX





When power goes out, especially in only one room or to outlet, it is often due to a tripped breaker. Locating the breaker box should be easy. Check for a tripped breaker. If there is one or more, switch the breaker off then on again resets it and should restore power.



A tripped breaker will be between off and on.



The breaker is off.



These breakers are on.

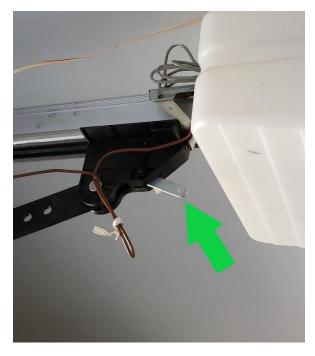
THERMOSTAT





The thermostat allows you to control the furnace temperature setting and sometimes the AC. Replacing the batteries will keep it functional.

GARAGE DOOR



If the garage door opener stops working, there is a lever which disengages the door from the system, allowing it to be opened and closed manually.