

Seasons

In May and October we change the systems.

Indoors in October, we disconnect the cooler thermostats and stuff the cooler ducts with insulation material enclosed in zippered plastic pouches to keep the warm air from escaping and the cool air from invading. Outdoors we clean and wrap the cooler units. Insulation is stuffed in your cooler vent to make your apartment as snug as possible.

That's a good time to change the batteries on your smoke detector.

In May, we reverse the process—unwrap the coolers, reestablish the water lines, check the pumps, and remove the insulation in your ceiling vent which are then cleaned.

During the spring and summer, after we've activated the cooler system for our dwellings and drip system for the landscaping, please be mindful of a couple of things.

1. If we have a cold snap and you want your heater turned on—it's right there ready to be activated. You might also want to close the cooler duct to keep the heat from escaping. Remember when the warm air returns to re-open the duct and turn off the heater(s).
2. We have a rather intricate set of valves. Should you use any of the outside hoses, be sure to turn on-and-off only the little switch for the specific garden hose you need, but leave ON all the other little switches, and particularly the large circular valve knobs that control the water flow to the swamp coolers and landscape drip systems.

Remember, your summer thermostat on the wall; your winter thermostat on the end of the baseboard heater.