









A HOMEOWNER'S HVAC GUIDE

COMMON AC NOISES AND WHAT THEY MEAN

Your air conditioner talks to you through sound. Here is how to read the eight most common noises, what each usually means, and exactly what to do next.

THE SOUND	WHAT IT USUALLY MEANS	WHAT TO DO
TRY THIS FIRST Usually a quick, do-it-yourself fix		
 Rattling	Debris in the outdoor unit, or loose screws and panels.	Clear away leaves and debris, then check the panels. Often an easy fix.
 Whistling	Restricted airflow, often a dirty filter or closed vents.	Replace the filter and open your supply vents first.
SCHEDULE SOON Safe to run for now, but book a technician		
 Clicking	Thermostat, control board, or relay trouble.	One click at startup is normal. Constant clicking is not. Have it checked.
 Buzzing	Loose wiring, a failing capacitor, or dirty coils.	Electrical issues only get worse. Schedule service soon.
 Squealing	A struggling motor or worn bearings.	Schedule an inspection before the motor quits.
TURN IT OFF & CALL Keep running it and you risk bigger damage		
 Banging	A loose part inside the unit, possibly the compressor.	Turn the system off and call for an inspection.
 Hissing	A refrigerant leak or leaky ductwork.	Refrigerant leaks can damage the compressor. Call quickly.
 Grinding	Metal parts rubbing together, often failing bearings.	Turn the system off and call for repair.

BEFORE YOU CALL: FIVE QUICK CHECKS

- Replace a dirty air filter
- Open supply vents throughout the house
- Note where the noise comes from: indoor, outdoor, or ducts
- Check for loose access panels
- Clear leaves and debris around the outdoor unit

Hearing something out of the ordinary?

One call, one trusted team for your whole home, available 24/7.

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