

# HRV Maintenance Checklist

## 1. Air Filters

- **Frequency:** Clean or replace every 1–2 months.
- **Cleaning:**
  - Vacuum the filters.
  - Wash with mild soap and water if necessary.
- **Why It Matters:**
  - Dirty filters reduce airflow and efficiency.
  - Can lead to mold, mildew, and poor air quality.

## 2. Heat Exchange Core

- **Frequency:** Clean annually or as needed, depending on usage and dirt buildup.
- **Cleaning:**
  - Follow instructions in your HRV manual.
  - May involve vacuuming or gently washing the core.
- **Why It Matters:**
  - A clean core ensures efficient heat recovery.
  - Prevents dust and debris buildup.

## 3. Condensate Drain

- **Frequency:** Inspect and clear annually.
- **Why It Matters:**
  - Prevents clogs that can cause water damage and mold growth.

## 4. Outdoor Vents

- **Frequency:** Regularly check for and remove debris (leaves, snow, ice).
- **Why It Matters:**
  - Ensures proper airflow and system efficiency.

## 5. Ductwork and Grilles

- **Frequency:** Inspect and clean annually.
- **What to Do:**
  - Check for leaks or blockages in the ductwork.
  - Clean grilles to maintain airflow.
- **Why It Matters:**
  - Keeps air circulation clean and efficient.

## 6. Other Important Considerations

- **Turn Off the HRV** before any maintenance to ensure safety.
- **Consult Your Manual** for model-specific maintenance procedures.
- **Listen for Unusual Noises** which may signal a mechanical issue.
- **Check for Condensation or Mold** which may indicate airflow or drainage problems.

