

DauidsGuides.com - Should You Clean Your Air Ducts?

The benefits to cleaning the air ducts is to keep your house clean of dust and allergies from years of buildium or renovations. If you bought your house or apartment and plan on living there for more than 5 years, it's a good idea to clean them, otherwise don't worry about it.

Questions to ask an air duct cleaning company:

1. What is your process?
2. What is the price?
3. Are you part of NADCA?
4. Do you follow the NADCA cleaning method and use the recommended push/pull method?
5. Do you come over for a free inspection and quote?
6. Do you clean the coils or air handler also?
7. Do you clean the air supply vents if they are dirty?
8. Will you show me the before and after pictures of my air vents?
9. How long does it take?

Air Duct cleaning:

1. Find a pro from here: <https://nadca.com/find-a-professional>
2. <https://Advantaclean.com> - Nationwide franchise. As of 2021 they charge \$599 per AC unit but prices may vary based on State and Franchisee.
 - a. We follow the National Air Duct Cleaners Association, NADCA, cleaning method, and use their recommended push/pull method. We first attach a HEPA vacuum to the main trunk line next to the furnace to create negative air pressure in the duct work. We will then cover both the supply and return vents to create a greater negative air flow. Then we will uncover the furthest vent from the furnace and insert a high-pressure vinyl air whip also known as a viper. The viper will agitate all the dust and dirt in the duct work and cause it to become lifted into the air. Once it's lifted into the air the viper will push it back while the HEPA vacuum pulls it all in and filters it out. We will do this down each line working our way back to the furnace down the main trunk line and then vacuum out the furnace as well. Depending on the size of your home it could take up to a full day to complete.
 - b. We base the pricing off of a free on-site estimate.
3. [DUCTZ](#)
 - a. Another nationwide franchise.
 - b. Quoted me \$1,125 to clean the ducts, \$900 to clean the air handler and coils, \$875 for sealant for all ducts, and \$360 for sealant for supply plenum.

- c. He was very thorough, answered every question in detail, and seemed very nice. He got a bit flustered and pushy at the very end when I started negotiating and he was trying really hard all of a sudden to close the deal.
- d. He was pushing to clean the coils for \$450 each, and apply sealant coating to the accessible fibrous duct work (\$35 each x 25 ducts) and applying the same sealant to the Supply Plenum in the HVAC unit for \$180 each. I spoke to another person who told me it's not needed and only for new AC installations. It seemed like Ductz is just trying to sell you a ton of add-ons.
- e. The UV products he sold were also a bit scammy since they are only 14" bulbs, when I need 21" bulbs and he said it didn't matter. Also, the 3 upgrade picks for UV were not real whole home air purifiers, and only an extra charcoal filter which is just for smell (no HEPA filters). Either he didn't know any better, or he was just trying to upsell so be careful.