

NEWSLETTER

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2005 maintenance schedule

Following are tentative dates for water softener and furnace maintenance.

Wednesday, February 9	Salt levels checked Furnace filters changed (Rain date Feb. 16)
Wednesday, April 13	Salt levels checked Furnace filters changed
Wednesday, June 15	Salt levels checked Furnace filters changed
Wednesday, August 17	Salt levels checked Furnace filters changed
Wednesday, October 12	Salt levels checked Furnace filters changed **Heating/furnace check up
Wednesday, December 14	Salt levels checked Furnace filters changed **Water filters changed

**Time may change because of weather and unforeseen circumstances.

Salt tank maintenance

AC Service has provided guidelines to PM residents for maintaining water softeners:

Every other month we will be coming over to check all the salt tanks for salt content and add salt as needed. On your style of salt tanks, we check to see at what level the salt is in the tanks. We try to fill and keep salt approximately 12" from the top of the tanks. We also check to see if there is a salt bridge forming which needs to be attended to by your maintenance personnel. If you have a unit which uses a lot of salt, checking the tank weekly or bi-weekly would be best. Never let the softener use all the salt before you refill it. The brine, (salt dissolved in water) is needed for each and every regeneration. The water for making brine is metered into the salt storage area by the softener valve and timer. Always use clean water softener salt only, at least 99.5% pure. Nugget, pellet or coarse solar salts are recommended. Do Not Use rock, block, granulated and ice cream making salts. They contain dirt and sediments, or mush and cake.

Sometimes a crust or salt bridge forms in the salt storage area. It is usually caused by high humidity or the wrong kind of salt. When the salt bridges, an empty space forms between the water and the salt. Then salt will not dissolve in the water to make brine

If the brine tank is full of salt, it is hard to tell if you have a salt bridge. Salt is loose on the top, but the bridge is under it. Always contact softener maintenance personnel to loosen up the bridge if one is suspected. The storage tank could be broke easily if not done properly, causing a bigger problem and a large mess. If the wrong kind of salt was used, it must be taken out. Then re-fill the tank with the proper salt.

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