

Repair or Replace:

Which option is best for you?

As Heating & Cooling specialists, it's our job to help you decide when you need to repair your existing system or replace it with a new one. As with many things, there is no right or wrong answer to this question, but instead, many different variables that can help us point you in the right direction. Some of our customers want us to make this decision, but the choice ultimately rests with you.

When trying to decide if you should repair or replace an existing system, there are several things you need to consider. The most important are a system's life expectancy, the operating cost of your system & the overall operating efficiency. All three of these are closely correlated to your system's performance.

Life Expectancy:

Most systems have a life expectancy of about 10-15 years. Through out a system's life, it will experience break downs, just like other equipment you depend on. When this happens, we tend to want to fix the exposed problem and not proceed further. But, what most home owners don't keep in mind, is that there could be other problems associated with the 1 exposed problem & with older systems, the chances for this scenario to happen are very likely. In such a case, it doesn't make much sense to spend the money to repair an old system when it has several problems. On the other hand, with a newer system, simply ignoring the possibility of hidden problems could cost you a lot of money down the road & drastically reduce your system's life expectancy.

But does that mean you should replace your system? Not necessarily. Considering the next two paragraphs should help you to better understand your options.

Operating Costs:

Today's energy efficiency standards are much better than previous years. New systems, for example, operate at a much lower cost compared to systems that are only a few years old. When you repair an older system, your efficiency will only be as high as it's current efficiency standard, which is most likely, not very efficient at all. With today's efficiency standards, systems like the [Evolution Series from Bryant](#), can now save you up to 56% on your heating & cooling costs alone. But there is also one more detail to consider.

Overall Operating Efficiency

In order to get the most efficiency from your system, all components must be properly working together. If you replace your old system, but keep your old thermostat, you're not going to reap all the benefits of your new system. A new high efficiency system paired with a new programmable thermostat, for instance, could actually do miracles for your energy bills.



Separately, however, you may not see much of a difference at all without replacing the proper components.

The age of your current system, the cost to operate your system & the overall affects of keeping it should give you the tools to make your decision a little easier.

There are many different variables that work together to create your home comfort. At Derden Heating & Cooling, we'll go through all your components & figure out the best way to save you money on your bills, while offering you the best quality equipment for your budget. Because the combination of what makes your home heating & cooling system more efficient is different than others, we take a thorough look at your existing equipment to determine the best way to save you money.

Whether you're interested in repairing or replacing an old system, give us a call at 870-673-1356 or toll free at 1-800-376-4177 & we can discuss your options. Also, feel free to visit our [Equipment Sales](#) page to learn more about high efficiency heating & cooling systems.