

If you don't already have a whole home or portable air purifier in your home you're missing out on a slew of benefits. Purifiers help reduce harmful pollutants, eliminate toxic chemicals from living spaces, and neutralize unpleasant odors. These are only some of the reasons air purifiers have gained so much traction and interest of late.

Why is air purification such an important topic? Research suggests that clean air possibly helps [boost life expectancy](#). Air purifiers prevent harmful chemicals and pollutants from building up and impacting wellness or worsening health conditions.

Indoor air is [two to five](#) times more polluted than outdoor air. Prioritizing healthy indoor air is essential. However, not all air purifiers are created equal. Portable air purifiers, or single-room standalone units, are often a waste of money in the long-term. Cost is also a huge factor for most people when considering clean air upgrades and what the best effective method is to get better indoor air quality. If you're eager for the benefits of clean air in your living space, find out why it's best to opt for a whole home purification system over single-room units.

Limited Effectiveness

The biggest drawback of portable home air purifiers is their inefficiency. Portable home purifiers work harder than whole-home purification systems to clean and purify the air. They are small, and while some have high-rated and effective filters included, the unit itself is only capable of eliminating as many pollutants as the unit can capture from the available air supply.

Limited Space

These appliances are on the smaller side and quite limited in terms of how much [air they can purify at once](#). For maximum efficiency, door must be shut and the purifier must be on at all times. Making the process both time-consuming and frustrating.

Inconvenience

At first glance, portable home purifiers seem like the more convenient option. After all, you can move the appliance from room to room whenever you feel like it. However, these purifiers are often heavy and unwieldy despite their small size. Purification is also not an immediate result. Again, for maximum efficiency, it needs to be placed in the center of the room, kept on for multiple hours, somehow enclosed in the space to actively purify the air. Placing them against a wall or in a corner of the room will not suffice. This can make it a hassle to clean every room of the home or office space with a portable purifier.

High Maintenance

If you're busy (and who isn't?), you might want to think twice about choosing a portable purifier. Portable unit owners have to put in a considerable amount of time and effort to keep them running smoothly. Also, they must be cleaned often and require frequent filter change. HEPA filters should be replaced every 30 days while carbon and other filters should be changed roughly every three to six months. And yes – they're expensive.

Part Ways With Portable Air Purifiers

At the end of the day, portable units take too much of your time and energy to be considered effective. In addition, maintaining these units can end up costing more money than necessary. Standalone units can have a bit of a placebo effect. Most users assume simply turning it on means it's working as effectively as possible and ensuring cleaner air.

Make the switch to a [whole-home](#) purification system. Installed directly into the home or building's HVAC system. Work with the system's existing [air filters to improve the filtration process](#). Utilize bipolar ionization technology, quite literally emitting negative and positive ion charges. This encourages air particles to clump together, making it easier to filter out harmful pollutants and purify the air. Works to clean every room in your space without any of the added hassles of a portable air purifier. HVAC system (air, heat or just the fan!) simply needs to be running.

Considering the spaces we live, work and operate in are often larger than what a single-room unit can cover, now is the time to look into upgrading your home's HVAC system. Whole-space active air purification systems are an easy and ideal indoor air quality upgrade.