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AC Troubleshooting & Maintenance Checklist

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Quick Diagnosis by Symptom

Blowing warm air

- ☐ Check and replace the air filter if dirty
- ☐ Make sure the outdoor unit isn't blocked by debris
- ☐ Confirm thermostat is set correctly
- ☐ If still warm, likely refrigerant or compressor — call a tech

Won't turn on

- ☐ Check your electrical panel for a tripped breaker
- ☐ Replace thermostat batteries if applicable
- ☐ Don't attempt any wiring repairs yourself

Noise & Leak Troubleshooting

What the noise means

- ☐ Grinding — likely a motor bearing issue
- ☐ Squealing — often a belt or motor problem
- ☐ Banging — possible broken or loose component
- ☐ Turn off the system if noise is severe

Water leaking

- ☐ Almost always a clogged condensate drain line
- ☐ Try clearing it with a wet/dry vac at the outside access point
- ☐ A vinegar flush helps prevent future clogs
- ☐ Persistent leaking after clearing needs a professional

Preventing the Next Breakdown

Simple maintenance that helps

- ☐ Replace air filters every 1-3 months
- ☐ Keep the outdoor unit clear of debris and plants
- ☐ Schedule annual professional maintenance before peak season
- ☐ Consider a home warranty for future system-wide coverage

Still not sure what's wrong?

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