



tophcfa 11-05-2020 07:50 PM We prefer our old fashioned thermostat, no wifi, wireless, or anything else that can go bad or breach our data. Our motto is KISS, Keep it simple, stupid. 10-26-2024, 07:18 AM Not true, its accessible on the app and wall unit. 10-26-2024, 07:22 AM Quote: Originally Posted by CURLYSANDY Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who replied to my Thermostat question. The comments were very helpful, but has now lead me to a different issue.... Whilst we are away for 6 months, our Non smart thermostat is switched off. As we have a separate Honeywell Relative Humidity Controller set at 60 degrees, when the internal humidity exceeds this, then the Controller switches on the thermostat, which then starts the aircon, until the house comes back down to 60 degrees, then the thermostat is then switched off. This works so well with our monthly electricity bills being around \$50 whilst we are away. I thought I could replicate the above with one simple system, ie the Ecobee, but they are saying no, as it only shows the humidity levels, it cannot "act" on them. The issue is our current Carrier Thermostat. Just wondered what other snowbird/ownerbirds do when the home is empty?? Many thanks in advance for your help, to us newbies...... Just installed the Ecobee Premium with remote sensor. It can be programmed to any humidity level in 2% increments. Also you can set the temperature to over cool in 0.5 degree increments to maintain the desired humidity level/temperature to over cool in 0.5 degree increments. 10-26-2024, 07:24 AM Ecobee can do it As noted in a previous post, the Ecobee can be set to control the humidity level. There is also a setting called 'AC Overcool Max' that you will want to change. That setting can only be set via the device UI and not the app. We use our Ecobee to keep the humidity below 60% 10-26-2024, 07:28 AM I have a humidistat set under 60 for humidity. My A/C only runs to keep the humidity below 60% 10-26-2024, 07:28 AM I have a humidistat set under 60 for humidity below 60% 10-26-2024, 07:28 AM I have a humidistat set under 60 for humidity below 60% 10-26-2024, 07:28 AM I have a humidistat set under 60 for humidity below 60% 10-26-2024, 07:28 AM I have a humidistat set under 60 for humidity below 60% 10-26-2024, 07:28 AM I have a humidity below 60% 10-26-2024, 07:28 A anything go awry. 10-26-2024, 07:35 AM I've had the Ecobee for 3 years. I set the high humidity limit and the app notifies me when hit. I lower the temperature a few degrees until it gets back within the limit. This isn't needed very often but has worked well for me. The Following User Says Thank You to GoneFishing For This Useful Post: 10-26-2024, 07:35 AM I've had the Ecobee for 3 years. 07:39 AM I use a blink camera from which I can view temperature and also front and back doors. I need to manually access the app to view temp however it does have minimum and maximum temp alert should. TV house is set at 78 when I'm not here in summer. Winter setting up north of 50. 10-26-2024, 10:07 AM In the Ecobee app, it is under More - Settings - System. Attached Thumbnails The Following User Says Thank You to CybrSage For This Useful Post: 10-26-2024, 11:31 AM Quote: Originally Posted by CURLYSANDY Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who replied to my Thermostat question. The comments were very helpful, but has now lead me to a different issue.... Whilst we are away for 6 months, our Non smart thermostat is switched off. As we have a separate Honeywell Relative Humidity exceeds this, then the controller set at 60 degrees, when the internal humidity exceeds this, then starts the aircon, until the house comes back down to 60 degrees, then the thermostat is then switched off. This works so well with our monthly electricity bills being around \$50 whilst we are away. I thought I could replicate the above with one simple system, ie the Ecobee, but they are saying no, as it only shows the humidity levels, it cannot "act" on them. The issue is our current Carrier Thermostat is showing 10 degrees difference, so we now need to replace it, but it seems not with a smart thermostat. Just wondered what other snowbird/ownerbirds do when the home is empty?? Many thanks in advance for your help, to us newbies...... For years I have set the daily program for my thermostat at 88* with a drop down to 76* so the AC runs for one hour per day. That is enough to keep the humidity at about 50%. My electric bill is usually about \$50/month for the summer months I'm gone. I have a small temp/humidity thermometer on my kitchen counter that my house checker resets (simple push of a button) each time he visits. It shows the high/low temp and high Originally Posted by merrymini I have never heard anyone talk about humidity in degrees. I have a nest and can check on my home remotely but there are other thermostats that have the come to the following conclusion about thermostat settings while we are gone for the summer. I do have a wifi thermostat (Honeywell) and use to monitor it daily while we are gone. I have found that is not necessary. The thermostat has a readout of humidity but does not have a means to control humidity. I would monitor the humidity and turn down the temperature periodically to lower it as needed. I found it is much easier to use the temperature programing to do that. I set the temperature in the house at 86 degrees for 23 hours and at 0500 in the morning it sets back to 75 degrees until 0600 when it then goes to 86. That keeps the humidity in the 50 to 60% range all day. Simple but effective. Electric bill in the \$50 range all summer. 02-05-2022, 03:13 PM new snowbirds, need advice I've tried searching but couldn't find the answers I need. We just bought a home in TV. We're not retired yet. But we plan on doing so next fall. Until then we'll be coming down on and off for a week at a time when we can use vacation time. I've seen where people say to tape over drains to keep bugs out, and to put saran wrap over the toilets to keep the water from evaporating. just wondering if this is good advice? Also, what temp should I keep the house at in the summer? Any other tips or advice is much appreciated. Thanks in advance 02-05-2022, 03:52 PM I would recommend to keep your thermostat set at 80/81 during the summer. Keep your window blinds closed to block the sun. The Following 2 Users Say Thank You to New Englander For This Useful Post: 02-05-2022, 03:58 PM We keep our house at 77 for cooling and 71 for heat. when we're not here we shut off water to the inside of the house. they're good homes designed to have little upkeep. if you're only here part time I suggest you get a home watch for when you're away. they will tell you when/if there's a problem and be your go-between when things need doing(a good home watch will). other than that enjoy. The Following 2 Users Say Thank You to Mortal1 For This Useful Post: 02-05-2022, 04:18 PM should not be a problem -- 've seen where people say to tape over drains to keep bugs out, and to put saran wrap over the toilets to keep the water from evaporating - I would not do unless you are going to be gone for weeks. Humidity is the big item. Might go 70 from midnight to 6 am to get humidity out of the air. Then 80 for the rest of the time. I would set the heat at 68. Yes turn of the water to the home. Hot water heater on piolet??? 02-05-2022, 04:22 PM Get to know your neighbors that are here full time that can help out in case of trouble. The Following User Says Thank You to Michael G. For This Useful Post: 02-05-2022, 04:30 PM Part Time Villager Same story with us. One retired, one not, so we come & go. We have a gal who has a business & watchs our house. She comes twice a month, \$25 each time. Checks hot water heater, make sure fridge is running, changes batteries in smoke detectors, sprays for ants or bugs. When we let her know we're coming, she will turn hot water up, straighten up. I asked her if she dusted & she said yes! She sent pictures of sand mounds in our back yard. Here it was a pocket gopher. Would of made a mess if she hadn't seen it. Hired someone to trap it. Totally worth it, peace of mind!! Gloria's Home Watch 952-217-9645 The Following 2 Users Say Thank You to 792911700 For This Useful Post: 02-05-2022, 04:31 PM We did this for 4 years until we became official snowbirds. When you leave for the summer leave your ac on 82-84. For winter 60 is good. Always put a capful of bleach, then saran wrap on toilets then close the lid. Always
turn off the water as long as you live south of 466. Turn hot water heater down to lowest but not off. Close all blinds. Leave sides down on golf cart. The Following User Says Thank You to 2newyorkers For This Useful Post: 02-05-2022, 04:31 PM Our thermostat is connected to the WiFi, so conditions can be monitored and adjustments made from our summer location up north. We didn't have to change anything, but we could have. Our HVAC guy recommended we keep the temperature in summer set for 80F. Our thermostat also has a humidistat which will kick the AC on if it gets above the set level. We set the humidistat for 60%, also on the advice of the HVAC guy. We also left all the doors to rooms open, and all of the fans moving on low. We also had a friend check the property every so often. I also installed an irrigation is pretty simple in summer, because it rains so much you don't have to do much watering. However, still a good idea to have some eyes on it in case it starts to get dry. 02-05-2022, 04:39 PM Quote: Originally Posted by 2newyorkers We did this for 4 years until we became official snowbirds. When you leave for the summer leave your ac on 82-84. For winter 60 is good. Always put a capful of bleach, then saran wrap on toilets then close the lid. Always turn off the water as long as you live south of 466. Turn hot water heater down to lowest but not off. Close all blinds. Leave sides down on golf cart. Did you tape over the drains? 02-05-2022, 05:22 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Laker14 Our thermostat is connected to the WiFi, so conditions can be monitored and adjustments made from our summer location up north. We didn't have to change anything, but we could have. Our HVAC guy recommended we keep the temperature in summer set for 80F. Our thermostat also has a humidistat which will kick the AC on if it gets above the set level. We set the humidistat for 60%, also on the advice of the HVAC guy. We also left all the doors to rooms open, and all of the fans moving on low. We also had a friend check the property every so often. I also installed an irrigation controller that could be monitored and controlled by my phone, from up north. Irrigation is pretty simple in summer, because it rains so much you don't have to do much watering. However, still a good idea to have some eyes on it in case it starts to get dry. I'm considering a wifi thermostat. What thermostat. We have a honeywell works great 02-06-2022, 12:23 AM We close our drains and tape the shower drains. We had bleach and use plastic wrap over toilets. Shut off water and hot water. We leave ac at about 80 and turn heat down to about 55. Make sure the dehumidifier function is on. 02-06-2022, 06:14 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Ropnrose I'm considering a wifi thermostat. My house also has a humidstat. What thermostat do you have? Any issues with it? Thanks. I've installed a number of Honeywell WiFi thermostats. I've also installed a couple nests. I much prefer the Honeywell because you can set it to a temperature and it doesn't try to out think you. Last fall when I was living here in FL and traveling to NJ for work about once every 6 weeks, I used my boss's NJ house up there to stay(he also lives in FL). It has a nest. It is set on ECO and doesn't keep the house warm unless someone walks past it. I'm gone for 12 hours, come back to a quite cold house. Set a temp..2 hours later, it's cooling off again. It was maddening. I had 3 zones with Honeywell WiFi in my NJ house and one each in the two houses I own in FL. I've installed them for others too. I've even removed a Nest for a friend and installed a Honeywell for the reason I listed above. 02-06-2022, 06:51 AM Place a drop or two of bleach in your toilets and the cover with Saran Wrap. Works great. Turn off water at main line in garage. Turn off water at main line in garage. I have White Pelican Home Watch. They're great and will even put deliveries in the house (no charge). In addition to the things folks were saying above, WP also had me keep my fans on low because the penny would be near the bottom of the frozen cup. 02-06-2022, 06:55 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Professor Place a drop or two of bleach in your toilets and the cover with Saran Wrap. Works great. Turn off water at main line in garage. Turn off water at breaker. Thermostat at 82 will work fine. Checked on a snowbird friend's home and he had Saran Wrap on the master bathroom commode. There was a small frog swimming around in it. 02-06-2022, 07:04 AM Quote: Originally Posted by MX rider I've tried searching but couldn't find the answers I need. We just bought a home in TV. We're not retired yet. But we plan on doing so next fall. Until then we'll be coming down on and off for a week at a time when we can use vacation time. I've seen where people say to tape over drains to keep bugs out, and to put saran wrap over the toilets to keep the water from evaporating. just wondering if this is good advice? Also, what temp should I keep the house at in the summer? Any other tips or advice is much appreciated. Thanks in advance where did that come from? LOL nope that's ridiculous keep your house ho higher than 80, but also a wifi thermostat would help. most FL homes can withstand a house at 80. I prefer 76. I'd shut off the water, however the only issue you will have is drain flys. exterior pest control done etc. Also the obvious things - blinds closed, etc. it's really not all that difficult. Never give up, Never surrender.... just take your prisoners with you 02-06-2022, 07:10 AM We leave for 4 months every summer and were told by the mold inspector not to let our house temp be over 75, lots of black mold in Florida. 02-06-2022, 07:14 AM Make sure your grass is mowed and shrubs cut regularly! 02-06-2022, 07:16 AM There is another VERY good post someplace here (from around Jan 2021) about what to do when you leave. It has a link to a checklist, created by one of the universities in Florida. Here's the article I tried to find it, but I couldn't. Someone will find it. The Following User Says Thank You to Papa lecki For This Useful Post: 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will let me know if ac goes off....then the humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will let me know if ac goes off....then the humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will let me know if ac goes off....then the humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) which will be a serious issue...repair ac asap. 02-06-2022, 07:28 AM I installed a temperature/humidity monitor (Govee brand) whi searching but couldn't find the answers I need. 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The setting even has a name called "Florida setting". I have found that the humidity really never gets that high with the 80F temperature. But I use it anyway. Having a neighbor to look after your house and have a key is very useful. I have a sensor in the house that measures the temp and humidity that I can see on the internet (some thermostats have this now). And they have had to come over when there were a few issues. They can let the service people into your house. Mine turned on the watering for extra time when my yard looked to be drying out too much. I do put rubber stoppers in sinks where I can remove the sink plug, or I put box sealing tape over them. I put some mineral oil in the washing machine drain tube to keep it from drying out. I unplug most things and use the circuit breaker to turn off electricity to the stove and laundry. I keep the refrigerator on, we
leave some items in there during the away time. The fear is summer lightening damaging your stuff. The sensor I have knows when the power goes out and will alert me. 02-06-2022, 07:32 AM Drains Quote: Originally Posted by MX rider I've tried searching but couldn't find the answers I need. We just bought a home in TV. We're not retired yet. But we plan on doing so next fall. Until then we'll be coming down on and off for a week at a time when we can use vacation time. I've seen where people say to tape over drains to keep bugs out, and to put saran wrap over the toilets to keep the water from evaporating, just wondering if this is good advice? Also, what temp should I keep the house at in the summer? Any other tips or advice is much appreciated. Thanks in advance A lot of good answers here. We do a lot of these but we fill small ziplock bags with water and set on the drains. Seemed better than taping them 02-06-2022, 07:45 AM All your drains will either close or can be plugged except shower drain. A piece of rubber like the thing you would use to get a stubborn jar lid off works great with something slightly heavy sitting on it. A/C on 80, heat on 60-66. The Saran Wrap on the toilets actually does work but bleach is your friend there. Depending on how long you will be gone you may experience a terrible smell when you return. After a few months the p-traps in all your drains (except your toilets) will dry out and sewer gas will be seeping out . Also the water (especially hot) may be stinky from sitting there that long. Run water in all drains right before closing them for departure. A reliable homewatch person would be a good idea but there are some that are completely worthless. Just going in a home and looking around is all some of them do. 02-06-2022, 07:53 AM Mentioned several times above, but a good list of everything you and they should do. We've used Relax Home Watch & Lawn Care and are very pleased. 02-06-2022, 08:09 AM Reading several of the comments makes me ask, why heat your Villages home at all in the winter when you are gone? The interior of your house is never going to freeze. Winter humidity is low. Frankly, I doubt anyone's house would drop below 50 all winter. We are gone all summer and air condition to 80. Seems to work. I thought it would take longer to get this old. 02-06-2022, 08:13 AM Away time Quote: Originally Posted by MX rider I've tried searching but couldn't find the answers I need. We just bought a home in TV. We're not retired yet. But we plan on doing so next fall. Until then we'll be coming down on and off for a week at a time when we can use vacation time. I've seen where people say to tape over the toilets to keep the water from evaporating. just wondering if this is good advice? Also, what temp should I keep the house at in the summer? Any other tips or advice is much appreciated. Thanks in advance Tape over drains not necessary, saran wrap over toilets will keep them cleaner. Make sure to sync your thermostat to your phone so you can control the temp from anywhere. Keep it at 80 degrees and every now and then cool it to around 72 to 75 to lower the humidity if you see it getting high. Turn off the water at the main in the garage or the box in the yard. Try to meet a neighbor that would be willing to monitor your irrigation or that you could adjust. Larchap49 Last edited by Larchap49; 02-06-2022 at 08:21 AM. Reason: Addition of info 02-06-2022, 08:32 AM For piece of mind, I hung up some security cameras. One or two outside to monitor the grass, trees and shrubs. I have one in the garage, laundry room, and kitchen. All have temperature sensors. Let's you track the little things, like forgetting to cancel the It's all downhill from here! 02-06-2022, 08:36 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Malsua I've installed a number of Honeywell WiFi thermostats. I've also installed a couple nests. I much prefer the Honeywell because newspaper, you can see if the lawn service and pest people have been there. I also put my contact info on the front door. you can set it to a temperature and it doesn't try to out think you. Last fall when I was living here in FL and traveling to NJ for work about once every 6 weeks, I used my boss's NJ house up there to stay(he also lives in FL). It has a nest. It is set on ECO and doesn't keep the house warm unless someone walks past it. I'm gone for 12 hours, come back to a quite cold house. Set a temp..2 hours later, it's cooling off again. It was maddening. I had 3 zones with Honeywell WiFi in my NJ house and one each in the two houses I own in FL. I've installed them for others too. I've even removed a Nest for a friend and installed a Honeywell for the reason I listed above. You can turn that home/away feature off in the settings on the Nest thermostat and it will work exactly like the honeywell. I've had both. Page 3 02-06-2022, 08:47 AM Quote: Originally Posted by ctmurray If you have someone who can come in, they can flush toilets. Neighbors often do this for free but there are people you can hire. I turn off the water to the house, so I do cover toilet and tank with saran wrap, I even tape the edges of wrap to hold it to the porcelain. This holds water for 5 months while we are gone. The house water on/off is in the garage but this leaves the irrigation on. I purchased a thermostat that will turn on AC based upon temperature (I set mine to 80) or humidity (60%). The setting even has a name called I have found that the humidity really never gets that high with the 80F temperature. But I use it anyway. Having a neighbor to look after your house and have a sensor in the house that measures the temp and humidity that I can see on the internet (some thermostats have this now). And they come over when there were a few issues. They can let the service people into your house. Mine turned on the watering for extra time when my yard looked to be drying out too much. I do put rubber stoppers in sinks where I can remove the sink plug, or I put box sealing tape over them. I put some mineral oil in the washing machine drain tube to keep it from drying out. I unplug most things and use the circuit breaker to turn off electricity to the stove and laundry. I keep the refrigerator on, we leave some items in there during the away time. The fear is summer lightening damaging your stuff. The sensor I have knows when the power goes out and will alert me. This is all great info. The names of Chino 1960's to 1976, Torrance, CA 1976-1983, 87-91, 94-98 / Frederick Co., MD 1983-1987 / Valencia, CA 1991-1994 / Brea, CA 1998-2002 / Dana Point, CA 2002-2019 / Knoxville, TN 2019-Current / FL 2022-Current 02-06-2022, 09:06 AM I unplug the frig and leave it the products you use (make/model) would be especially helpful! open - leave all the cabinets & drawers open - not sure why but I turn off the breaker for the stove 02-06-2022, 09:30 AM Quote: Originally Posted by MX rider I've tried searching but couldn't find the answers I need. We just bought a home in TV. We're not retired yet. But we plan on doing so next fall. Until then we'll be coming down on and off for a week at a time when we can use vacation time. I've seen where people say to tape over drains to keep bugs out, and to put saran wrap over the toilets to keep the house at in the summer? Any other tips or advice is much appreciated. Thanks in advance If thermostat has humidity control you can turn up A/C to 82 at least, set humidity at 60. Shut off water , drain faucets and hose bibs, disconnect hoses. Turn off ice maker on frig. Unplug TVs, sound systems, motion furniture. If you don;t have WIFI connections for thermostat or other disconnect Modem. Bring in outdoor furniture. Remove batteries from clocks. Confirm override/auto shutoff is working for sprinkler Spray for bugs in and out. Install new furnace filter. Shut off gas to gas grill. 1/2 cup bleach in toilets, cover bowl with plastic wrap. Cover drains - sinks and showers - with blue painters tape. The Following User Says Thank You to garylubbes For This Useful Post: 02-06-2022, 09:33 AM Snowbirds Quote: Originally Posted by MX rider I've tried searching but couldn't find the answers I need. We just bought a home in TV. We're not retired yet. But we plan on doing so next fall. Until then we'll be coming down on and off for a week at a time when we can use vacation time. I've seen where people say to tape over drains to keep bugs out, and to put saran wrap over the toilets to keep the water from evaporating. just wondering if this is good advice? Also, what temp should I keep the house at in the summer? Any other tips or advice is much appreciated. Thanks in advance There are multiple references to this subject - check them out. see attached as well. Someone sent the link in the last few days and I saved the form. Attached Files Closing-Your-Seasonal-Home.pdf (551.9 KB, 950 views) 02-06-2022, 09:36 AM If you are only going to be gone for a week or two no need to tape drains and cover toilets. I would recommend putting out several roach baits/poison under sinks, and near exterior doorways. Turn the water off to the house, set temp between 80-83', close all blinds and you are set. If you are gone longer than a month I would do the full tape, saran wrap thing. We have done it and have not ever had a problem. Good luck. 02-06-2022, 09:39 AM HPM - Empty Nest service Quote: Originally Posted by MX rider I've tried searching but couldn't find the answers I need. We just bought a home in TV. We're not retired yet. But we plan on doing so next fall. Until then we'll be coming down on and off for a week at a time when we can use vacation time. I've seen where people say to tape over drains to keep bugs out, and to put saran wrap over the toilets to keep the water from evaporating. just wondering if this is good advice? Also, what temp should I keep the house at in the summer? Any other tips or advice is much appreciated. Thanks in advance We use The Villages Home Town Property
Empty Nest Service. They have served us well over the years. They charge a daily rate that comes out to about \$100 per month. They will work with vendors, accept deliveries and prepare your home for arrival or vacancies. Many other options but as I mentioned they have worked well for us over the years. San Jose, CA | San Diego, CA | Anaheim, CA | Virginia Beach, VA | San Leonardo, Sicily | Lexington Park, MD | Vallejo, CA | Keflavik, Iceland | Cheshire County, NH | Village of Dunedin 02-06-2022, 10:06 AM Just an FYI- many companies who can ck in home. We use empty nesters- they come in every 10 days approx, flush all toilets- run each faucet- brush to close on our house March 1st but can't be there until the 17th. We plan on getting to know our neighbors for sure. Part of the reason we choose TV. I also have a good friend in Ocala who's going to check up on it for us as well. 02-06-2022, 11:15 AM You'll be bringing too much stuff... way too much! Politicians are like diapers--they should be changed frequently, and for the same reason. 02-06-2022, 11:55 AM Quote: Originally Posted by MX rider I've tried searching but couldn't find the answers I need. We just bought a home in TV. We're not retired yet. But we plan on doing so next fall. Until then we'll be coming down on and off for a week at a time when we can use vacation time. I've seen where people say to tape over drains to keep bugs out, and to put saran wrap over the toilets to keep the water from evaporating. just wondering if this is good advice? Also, what temp should I keep the water from evaporating. just wondering if this is good advice? Also, what temp should I keep the water from evaporating. all drains, cover other drains with something very flat & put something heavy on top. I spray house hold bug spray in the drain before I do it. Spray bug spray in the drain before I do it. Spray bug spray in the drain before I do it. pipe leaks. I also have ant traps especially in the garage especially around doors. Spray your garage especially around & under the garage especially around a not real problem if you don't keep them under control. 02-06-2022, 12:00 PM We have a few WiFi switches and mini plugs in our house to turn some LED lights on and off along with our outdoor lights. We believe that leaving the house 100% dark at night could make you a target. Lights come on at Sunset. Outdoor lights are on until sunrise, inside lights go off at 11pm and midnight. All controlled with our cell phone. 02-06-2022, 12:07 PM Quote: Originally Posted by jrref You can turn that home/away feature off in the settings on the Nest thermostat and it will work exactly like the honeywell. I've had both. Nest Learning thermostats don't work that way. The cheaper nests will, sorta, both are a pita when it comes to holding a temp. The only way to do it on a Nest learning is to disable a bunch of features and run a fixed schedule. It's stupid that you can't just twist to a temp, click hold. It's also bad if you're living in someone else's house then you're at the mercy of a stupid thermostat. 02-06-2022, 12:14 PM Don't forget about prepping golf carts. I fill the tank with non ethanol gas, add stabilizer. I also had battery disconnects installed. Everyone will have their own routine - but that's what i do. 02-06-2022, 12:23 PM UAF Plus Quote: Originally Posted by Sullys There are multiple references to this subject - check them out. see attached as well. Someone sent the link in the last few days and I saved the form. When we closed up our house the first time, I was very concerned about what needed to be done - having a second home in this climate was quite new to us! I found this document that Sullys shared from the Florida Dep't of Agriculture helpful, and also combed TOTV for suggestions. I generated my own list putting it all together and have attached it. I added additional comments to my original list (red print) based on our own experience. I also omitted some things that didn't apply to us, most notably, golf cart items. (We now have a golf cart, so will need to add that) Hope this helps. After closing up three times now, I'm much more relaxed about it! Good luck, and welcome! Attached Files NOTES FOR CLOSING FLORIDA HOME.pdf (427.8 KB, 893 views) 02-06-2022, 02:10 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Malsua It's also bad if you're living in someone else's house then you're at the mercy of a stupid thermostat. Are those different than smart thermostats Page 4 Quote: Originally Posted by Papa_lecki Don't forget about prepping golf carts. I fill the tank with non ethanol gas, add stabilizer. I also had battery disconnects installed. Everyone will have their own routine - but that's what i do. I also jack mine up and then put the whole cart up on four (4) jack stands. This prevents flat spots in the tires which will weaken the sidewalls and then blow your tire when you are using it. Chino 1960's to 1976, Torrance, CA 1976-1983, 87-91, 94-98 / Frederick Co., MD 1983-1987 Valencia, CA 1991-1994/ Brea, CA 1998-2002/ Dana Point, CA 2002-2019/ Knoxville, TN 2019-Current/FL 2022-Current 07-16-2019, 09:51 AM Honeywell WIFI Thermostat has 2 wires connected with a total of 5 wires coming into the back plate. I am wanting to install the Honeywell model number RTH9585WF. Has anyone done this? If you could tell me how you connected it I would greatly appreciate it. Thanks. Attached Thumbnails 07-16-2019, 10:09 AM I would suggest calling the manufacturer of your A/C unit to see if the proposed thermostat is compatible, or see if the thermostat manufacturer has a list of compatible A/C systems. The thermostat manufacturer should supply a suitable wiring diagram with their unit. Pennsylvania, for 60+ years, most recently, Allentown, now TV. 07-16-2019, 11:30 AM On older units, the 5 wires are connected to do different functions on the hvac unit. Now, just 2 wires talk to a computer module back near the unit. They probably just used 5 wire line because they had it and it was the right gauge. I tried to put a wifi thermostat in my 2014 house and found this. If you look in the hvac room off the garage, you will see similar 5 wire lines running to and from the "furnace" and a small box on the wall. Inside that small box is the computer/ controller module. To make a long story short, I gave up trying to connect a new wifi thermostat to the heat pump because of this issue. I looked on the Carrier website and could not find a wifi thermostat that would work with the module. 07-16-2019, 11:54 AM Label the wires based upon the terminals they are connected to, such as common, red and so forth. Connect to the new thermostat which will have the same nomenclature. The fifth wire, if unused is the outside temp sensor. 07-16-2019, 01:22 PM The wifi thermostats don't requires a wire for power that regular thermostats don't requires. It's called a "C" wire. It provides 24 VAC to thermostat. My unit did not have the wire. Had an HVAC guy run a wire from furnace to thermostat It was explained in the instructions that came with my (Honeywell) wifi thermostat or GOOGLE it. 07-16-2019, 01:31 PM Thanks guys for sharing your comments. Rango could you forward your HVAC guy who ran the wire for you? 07-16-2019, 01:38 PM We installed a HoneywellT9 Smart thermostat and we did not originally have a "C' wire which you have to have for a smart thermostat. My husband ran a new "C" wire he bought at Homedepot and used the existing wires to get through the wall to the furnace, instructions were on google. It took him 20 minutes and neither of us have ever done furnace etc work before. Everything is working fine but there is a geofence which restricts how far we can be from the house to adjust the temperature. Now we have to figure out if we can increase the distance of the geofence. 07-16-2019, 02:12 PM Quote: Originally Posted by RobertWR Thanks guys for sharing your comments. Rango could you forward your HVAC guy who ran the wire for you? I had it done in my home in Maryland. I have used Chuck Farrell here in TV. You could check with them 07-16-2019, 04:52 PM Let's correct the wrong information that has been posted so far. 1. You do not need to string a new c wire as there are adapters that avoid that expense: 2. Not all wifi thermostats require a c wire at all. Here is a highly rated, fairly inexpensive model: 3. You do not need to hire someone to do this, it is quite simple. 07-16-2019, 05:11 PM We are talking about a Honeywell smart thermostat, no? Well, if you google: Do you need a C wire for a Honeywell smart thermostat, the answer is: "The C wire, or "common wire" enables the continuous flow of 24 VAC power to the thermostat. ... If your system doesn't have a C-wire, you'll need to run a new cable from your furnace to your thermostat to install most of the modern smart thermostat wire is just a big spool of bundled, color-coded wires." And the above poster is correct, you can buy the adaptor instead. Last edited by Velvet; 07-16-2019 at 05:18 PM. 07-16-2019, 07:12 PM. replaced our Trane thermostat with a Honeywell RTH6580WF wifi thermostat a couple years ago. My home in TV was built in 2006. As I recall I simply followed the instructions. I didn't have been very simple, lol. Oh, FYI we have a Trane air conditioner and gas heat. Good luck! Page 2 07-19-2019, 03:58 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Jburkett What is the best method for hanging pictures on walls? What kind of wall? (If it's glass.... don't use a nail gun!) 07-19-2019, 03:59 PM For relatively light pictures I use a push pin or two. 07-19-2019, 04:33 PM There are many ways to hang pictures, however, these depend on: The weight of the picture SI use a push pin or two. 07-19-2019, 04:33 PM There are many ways to hang pictures, however, these depend on: The weight of the picture SI use a push pin or two. 07-19-2019, 04:33 PM There are many ways to hang pictures. south of 466A) has very helpful that can show you several different types of devices for hanging
pictures. If you are not comfortable doing this type of work yourself, there are several local handymen that will do this for you. A search on this site, use the word handyman should get you several possibilities. Pennsylvania, for 60+ years, most recently, Allentown, now TV. 07-20-2019, 07:58 AM I've not seen it in years My aunt who was an artist and would regularly change the artwork is secured by hooks that attach to the molding. The artwork on display had what it think was called picture hanging molding. The artwork is secured by hooks that attach to the molding. the wall and you can easily change the art and or it's position on the wall. As to how to hang pictures there are hundreds of answers It depends on weight of what you are hanging it on. Some items now are sold with keyhole slots cut into the back. This system is sued because it is cheap. Also, the company usually supplies no instructions and the system allows no adjustment for level or height. The secret is to make a full size paper model of the item secure that to the wall with the blue removable masiking tape and then drill through the pattern. Last edited by DAVES; 07-20-2019, 08:48 AM I use these. Attached Thumbnails 07-20-2019, 08:48 AM I use these. 20-2019, 09:02 AM Quote: Originally Posted by DAVES The secret is to make a full size paper model of the item secure that to the wall with the blue removable masiking tape and then drill through the pattern. That's a great idea. Steve 10-23-2024, 05:44 AM There are only 2 smart thermostats: ecobee and nest. Looks like you bought an older house so the wiring could be an issue. Why would you worry about the wifi signal going out? You buy a nest or ecobee to run themselves, you don't touch them unless you want the windows open. Who cares if you can't see the thermostat for hours or days. Keep your hands off of the controls. I've owned ecobee thermostats in my last 3 houses and I prefer ecobee over the others. The Following User Says Thank You to rsmurano For This Useful Post: 10-23-2024, 05:47 AM Quote: Originally Posted by ithos Something is not right. Dehumidification mode should always maintain temperature at setpoint. The duct heaters should cycle to maintain constant temperature. Cooling only will not help since relative humidity is based on two factors. The amount of vapor in the air and the dry bulb temperature. Reheat brings the dry bulb temperature back to setpoint. There are several different definitions of humidity. RH is it is the amount of water vapor present in air expressed as a percentage (%RH) of the amount needed to achieve saturation at the same temperature and pressure and condensation on surfaces begins. My system, and many others in The Villages, do not have a reheat function. So, they are not true dehumidifiers. They reduce humidity at 60 percent, the system will cool the house to reduce humidity. So, if you set the temperature at 78 degrees, and the humidity rises above 60 percent. This is a compromise that works fine for snowbirds who want to save a few dollars on electricity by controlling the humidity with a higher than desired temperature. But, if you are living in the house, you want to control both the temperature and the humidity, you need a true dehumidifier with a reheat function. 10-23-2024, 05:47 AM Quote: Originally Posted by CURLYSANDY Hello all. We have recently purchased our home and have a bulky Honeywell humidifier control and a Carrier thermostat installed. We want to upgrade to an "all in one". We are away for a few months at a time, so if we have a Smart thermostat like Ecobee what happens if wifi goes down and we can't control it remotely, so do we go with a new non-smart thermostat? We like to know about these things in advance for any comments. Is it possible you have 2 units, the main furnace/ac combo and maybe an AC unit for an enclosed lanai that just does demunidifying??? People put in these split units and permit them as dehumidification only as adding AC is building an addition to the house... or something like that. 10-23-2024, 05:52 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Risuli I have the same Carrier thermostat and the issue on replacement to a "smart" one is likely the wiring. This thermostat uses only two wires and it is my understanding that the Ecobee will require additional wires (C wire at a minimum) connected to your HVAC system. Otherwise, a smart thermostat will be WiFi capable and will work as any other WiFi device in that if power goes down it will obviously NOT be connected. However, when power returns, unless something is amiss, the WiFi will also return and you will regain access and control. Just had an ecobee installed for \$150. I would have done it myself but you are correct. Carrier had just 2 wires. HVAC guy had to go to ait handler and allatch other wires. I just didn't have the skills. Love the ecobee and yes, if you lose power, wifi will come back on as will ecobee 10-23-2024, 06:35 AM Quote: Originally Posted by CURLYSANDY Hello all. We want to upgrade to an "all in one". We are away for a few months at a time, so if we have a Smart thermostat? We like to know about these things in advance of calling Munns or SunKool, as we don't want them selling us a thermostat we don't want. Many thanks in advance for any comments. Have used Sun Kool in both homes we have owned and they have done an excellent job for us - I would suggest a Lennox system as we have have no problems when the wireless goes down and then comes back up - the system re connects and away we go - back to normal!! 10-23-2024, 06:42 AM Thermostat question Quote: Originally Posted by CURLYSANDY Hello all. We have recently purchased our home and have a bulky Honeywell humidifier control and a Carrier thermostat like Ecobee what happens if wifi goes down and we can't control it remotely, so do we go with a new non-smart thermostat? We like to know about these things in advance of calling Munns or SunKool, as we don't want. Many thanks in advance for any comments. I had installed a Honeywell thermostat model TH9302 0WF 5003 when we bought our property. it is a Wi-Fi thermostat so you can look at your settings and also temperature and humidity when you're away using your app. When I'm not there, I typically keep my house between 80 and 82° and my humidity is around 35 to 40% inside the house. if your Wi-Fi should go off, I am pretty sure the thermostat will stay at the current settings and maintain temperature. I have had my Wi-Fi off a few times and everything came back on the way it should. I'm not sure what the Honeywell humidistat is on your wall, I would not think you'd have a Humidifier that you would have used in the winter time but not sure. Typically, that is what that humidistat would be used for. These thermostats are typically not hard to install and also not hard to set up but that depends on your comfort level. Good luck with your search. 10-23-2024, 06:54 AM My husband is an electrician. We use the humidistat while we are in NE for the summer. We sent it at 85, the air will only come on if the humidity is high, not the temperature. We like Munn's the best. 10-23-2024, 06:55 AM If you are a seasonal resident, one of the best things you can have is a reliable handyman or neighbor who has access to your house when you are not there. If there were an extended power outage, or any other potentially harmful event, there are many other things besides rebooting your wifi that may need eyes-on attention. 10-23-2024, 07:04 AM Inside climate control and a Carrier thermostat installed. We want to upgrade to an "all in one". We are away for a few months at a time, so if we have a Smart thermostat thermostat like Ecobee what happens if wifi goes down and we can't control it remotely, so do we go with a new non-smart thermostat? We like to know about these things in advance of calling Munns or SunKool, as we don't want them selling us a thermostat we don't want them selling us a thermostat we don't want thermostat? also away for six months every year and it works perfectly, A/C hardly if ever comes on. I also have a separate humidistat which is battery powered and a WiFi camera focussed on that for monitoring. If the WiFi goes out the cameras are the only ones affected. 10-23-2024, 07:08 AM Quote: Originally Posted by retiredguy123 My system, and many others in The Villages, do not have a reheat function. So, they are not true dehumidifiers. They reduce humidity at 60 percent, the system will cool the house down to about 75 degrees when the humidity rises above 60 percent. This is a compromise that works fine for snowbirds who want to save a few dollars on electricity by controlling the humidity with a higher than desired temperature. But, if you are living in the house, you want to maintain a comfortable temperature. But, if you are living in the house a few dollars on electricity by controlling the humidity with a higher than desired temperature. feature. If you want to control both the temperature and the humidity, you need a true dehumidifier with a reheat function. Running the compressor more by lowering your temperature and the humidity. (both the numerator and denominator are lowered) Does it lower your relative humidity as measured by the thermostat or HVAC controller? I have programmed commercial controls for HVAC. Heater controls for HVAC. Heater controls are based on temperature and relative humidifiers needed for controller? laboratory or computer/server rooms. 10-23-2024, 07:21 AM Quote: Originally Posted by ithos Running the compressor more by lowering your temperature setpoint will remove more by lowering your relative humidity as measured by the thermostat or HVAC controller? I have programmed commercial controls for HVAC. Heater controls are based on temperature and relative humidity. No dehumidifiers needed for human comfort in most regions. They are needed for human comfort in most regions. rooms. I assume that it lowers the relative humidity or the AC
would never shut off. As I said, I never use the dehumidify feature because the relative humidity feature is to raise the thermostat setting to 80 degrees or higher while the house is unoccupied to save money on electricity. But ideally, to control both the temperature and the humidity, you need a reheat function, which many HVAC units do not have. The Following User Says Thank You to retiredguy123 For This Useful Post: 10-23-2024, 07:26 AM I have an Ecobee 3 Lite. It is wifi, Alexa, and Google enabled. It also has a humidity control built in, letting you set a max humidity allowed before the AC turns on to remove it. It also have the rest of what you expect in a thermostat (vacation mode and such). It keeps its setting after a power loss. For my Internet router, I have a UPS to keep it running for 2 hours worth of power loss. Attached Thumbnails Last edited by CybrSage; 10-23-2024 at 07:33 AM. The Following User Says Thank You to CybrSage For This Useful Post: 10-23-2024, 07:27 AM Quote: Originally Posted by retiredguy123 I assume that it lowers the relative humidity in my house is always below 60 percent, and usually below 50 percent. The only advantage I can see for using the dehumidify feature is to raise the thermostat setting to 80 degrees or higher while the house is unoccupied to save money on electricity. But ideally, to control both the temperature and the humidity, you need a reheat function, which many HVAC units do not have. I agree. Most homes are well insulated and do not need reheat. The Following User Says Thank You to ithos For This Useful Post: 10-23-2024, 08:07 AM Quote: Originally Posted by ithos Something is not right. Dehumidification mode should always maintain temperature at setpoint. The duct heaters should cycle to maintain constant temperature. Cooling only will not help since relative humidity is based on two factors. The amount of vapor in the air and the dry bulb temperature. Reheat brings the dry bulb temperature back to setpoint. There are several different definitions of humidity. RH is it is the amount of water vapor present in air expressed as a percentage (%RH) of the amount needed to achieve saturation is when the air can not hold any more water vapor at a given temperature. explain why my unit rarely shuts off even though it shows the temp to match what it's set for for hours on end. Never give up, Never surrender.... just take your prisoners with you 10-23-2024, 08:19 AM Quote: Originally Posted by CURLYSANDY Hello all. We have recently purchased our home and have a bulky Honeywell humidifier control and a Carrier thermostat installed. We want to upgrade to an "all in one". We are away for a few months at a time, so if we have a Smart thermostat? We like to know about these things in advance of calling Munns or SunKool, as we don't want them selling us a thermostat we don't want. Many thanks in advance for any comments. What you have is very old technology. We had one in our house from 2014. Now with the new Smart thermostats it is a much better and easier process. For years we had a Honeywell Smart thermostat and liked it. When we replaced our AC unit this year they installed the Ecobee thermostat. I like it better than the Honeywell for many reasons and it has a lot more features and is very easy to use. So yes update it. Also we have been using Kalos AC company for many years and the major venders in the area. Mounds and SunKool were a lot higher. Kalos and Sunshine AC were very close in price. The Following User Says Thank You to JRcorvette For This Useful Post: Page 2 10-23-2024, 08:21 AM Quote: Originally Posted by midiwiz interesting, but doesn't explain why my unit rarely shuts off even though it shows the temp to match what it's set for for hours on end. Check to see if the dehumidify feature is turned on. If so, turn it off and see if that makes a difference. Note the photo in Post No. 1. The Carrier thermostat screen. 10-23-2024, 09:05 AM Whole Home Dehumidify feature is turned on by looking at the lower left corner of the thermostat screen. Another option would be a whole home dehumidifier. It handles the humidity and leaves the AC to handle the cooling. Our thermostat at 80-82, as the relative humidity is 35-40%...anything below 80, and it is way too cool. That uses 110V to dehumidify vs the 220V on the AC. When we're gone, we set the AC at 86, as the humidity is still at 35-40. If you wanted to test this out, you could just use a smaller, portable dehumidifier in a central location of your house, set on 35-40%. Yes, it's noisy, but give it about 2 days to equalize the houses humidified air. The whole house unit is virtually quiet, as mine is in the attic. There is a good This Old House video on YouTube regarding whole house dehumidifiers. 10-23-2024, 01:20 PM I have NEST thermostats controlling the zones in my home and have found them to be very convenient since we are away from the home a lot. Everything I read suggests that the Ecobee may be better but since I have other NEST devices I have so far not switched over. I do worry about outages. I've noticed that when power outage but a cable outage. This often requires a modem and/or router reboot which is done by using a reset button on the unit or pulling the plug and re-plugging. Some posters have suggested that a smart plug could accomplish this. I must be missing something. How can a smart plug be used to reset a modem or router if the in-house wifi has been lost? From what I can see they require wifi to work. Is there a WiFi independent variety? Thanks 10-23-2024, 01:46 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Runway48 I have NEST thermostats controlling the zones in my home and have found them to be very convenient since we are away from the home a lot. Everything I read suggests that the Ecobee may be better but since I have so far not switched over. I do worry about outages. I've noticed that when power outages have occurred the system fully reboots. However, sometimes it's not a power outage but a cable outage but a cable outage but a cable outage. This often requires a modem and/or router reboot which is done by using a reset button on the unit or pulling the plug and re-plugging. Some posters have suggested that a smart plug could accomplish this. I must be missing something. How can a smart plug be used to reset a modem or router if the in-house wifi has been lost? From what I can see they require wifi to work. Is there a WiFi independent variety? Thanks Yes, all of the ones I have used keep working even when connectivity to the mother ship is lost, so BrianL was right - a smart plug could be powered Off & On remotely. (You do need connectivity when setting them up). 10-23-2024, 02:46 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Dusty Star Yes, all of the ones I have used keep working even when connectivity to the mother ship is lost, so BrianL was right - a smart plug could be powered Off & On remotely. (You do need connectivity when setting them up). That sounds very useful. If I understand you correctly, if you pulled the plug on your modem/router you could turn the smart plug on and off provided it was set up properly when the wifi was working. I assume this is all through a smart phone app. How does it communicate? Can you recommend a brand? Thanks 10-23-2024, 03:35 PM Smart Thermostat for sale I have a Honeywell RTH9580WF 1005 that I have used successfully for about 3 years (I switched because I wanted Alexa compatibility). It works great, is easy to install and program and can be controlled manually and/or remotely very easily. We lost wi-go connectivity many times over those years and the thermostat came back online as soon as the Wi-do did. No issues there. I will send pics if wanted and the thermostat sells on Amazon for \$150+. I will take \$50 for mine. 10-23-2024, 06:16 PM I have had an ecobee thermostat for 6 years. If wifi goes down the thermostat for 6 years. If wifi goes down the thermostat continues to function as programmed. But while the wifi is down you will not be able to access it remotely. My previous thermostat had a separate humidity control also. I chose not to use it. The Ecobee has a built-in humidity sensor and I control my home humidity sensor and I control also. I chose who may be interested. Sams Club online appears to be closing out the Ecobee 3 Lite with sensors for \$99,00. NOTE: this is the price ONLINE (in club it was \$149.00), but can be picked up at the Lady Lake club. Purchased one yesterday and will have it installed on Monday! 11-04-2020, 07:54 AM Munn's Wireless Thermostat Has anyone had one installed by Munn's? Bob anc Cheri Upstate NY/Bonita 11-04-2020, 08:11 AM Quote: Originally Posted by rjn5656 Has anyone had one installed by Munn's? I can't speak specifically to what Munn's is offering, but I can say that Munn's is pretty good to deal with. I can also say that they are just going to be installed a handful of Honeywell and two nests. If you like to just set a temp and have it hold temps, get the Honeywell or Ecobee. If you want the thermostat programming to be smart and adaptive to human traffic in the space, get the nest. Personally, I just like to hold temps. Shrug. All can be controlled remotely and this is a great benefit for me since we have a home up north and in TV. I can see if either house is having an issue from anywhere in the world. Any of them will alert you if the temp goes out of a set range(too hot/cold) for a period of time. They also will tell you if your power or internet is out when it loses connection. I highly recommend going to a WiFi, just be aware of what you're getting before you get it. Good luck. 11-04-2020, 09:30 AM Malsua, can you give a ballpark cost? 11-04-2020, 09:39 AM Quote: Originally Posted by rjn5656 Has anyone had one installed by Munn's? Now we use a simple humidistat and have a neighbor check home monthly and after power failures. Tried a wifi device but it failed. 11-04-2020, 11:33 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Polar Bear
Malsua, can you give a ballpark cost? I know you can buy Honeywell WiFi thermostats for under \$100 on Amazon. If you can follow basic instructions, you can do it yourself. They used to be \$179, so they've come down a lot. The Nest thermostats are easier to install, that said, depending on your HVAC system, you may need the more expensive one. I had both the Nest E and a Honeywell, and the Nest E(\$130 now) didn't have one of the wire ports for my Trane heat pump in TV, So I installed the Honeywell. The more expensive than they are now. I ended up using the Nest in NI. There are some Carrier systems that don't have a common wire to the thermostat so in those cases, you'd need to run an additional wire from the air handler to thermostat. Check your system before you buy. I've never installed an Ecobee, no idea how to get that done. As to how much they'd charge to install it, you'll have to ask them. A pro can probably do it in 30 minutes if all the wires are there and most of the time will just be connecting it to WIFI and setting a program. It would probably be several hours to run new wires in the walls if that has to happen. Shrug, the answer is it depends. 11-04-2020, 07:39 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Malsua I've never installed an Ecobee, no idea how to get that done. I have an Ecobee and it took me less that 15 minutes from removing my old (Honeywell Wifi) and replacing it with the Ecobee & connecting to my WiFi I much preferred the Ecobee for it's ACTUAL HOLD function plus the one I got has ALEXA built in with an quite decent sounding speaker. I started .. "I think the scariest person in the world is the person with no sense of humor." Michael J. Fox The Following User Says Thank You to EdFNJ For This Useful Post: 11-05-2020, 12:32 AM When I purchased my home I had Munn's come out and install my Honeywell thermostat. At the same with a Nest and returned it for the Ecobee. time I wanted them to service the HVAC system. Munn's installed our system when the house was built. I have installed our system when the house was built. I have installed several of the Honeywell units but needed the C wire which the service tech used an existing wire that was not being used already run between the heater and thermostat. 11-05-2020, 12:49 AM If you have a Carrier heat pump with the Edge thermostat things get more complicated. 11-05-2020, 07:06 AM I have nest in Michigan Down here I have a digital thermostats will work with the humidistat. I would be interested to know if one of the Wi-Fi thermostats will work with the humidistat. I would be interested to know if one of the Wi-Fi thermostat and it's not connected to Wi-Fi thermostats will work with the humidistat. 2nd Honeywell and both were professionally installed. Munn's did mine here in the Villages. A must to have, especially for snowbirds. Can monitor temperature & humidity from afar...and make temp adjustments and/or switch from heat to A/C without being home. Can also see forecasts and outside temperature if hooked up properly. It will also tell you if your wifi drops out for some reason, but will hold the assigned schedule w/o wifi until it returns. Download their app and can make changes on it or online with your account setup when you install it. Don't wait any longer...pull the trigger. 11-05-2020, 07:17 AM Quote: Originally Posted by EdFNJ I have an Ecobee and it took me less that 15 minutes from removing my old (Honeywell Wifi) and replacing it with the Ecobee & connecting to my WiFi I much preferred the Ecobee for it's ACTUAL HOLD function plus the one I got has ALEXA built in with an quite decent sounding speaker. I started with a Nest and returned it for the Ecobee as well. Simple & Easy. Identifying as Mr. Helpful 11-05-2020, 07:25 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Dan T Down here I have a digital thermostat and it's not connected to know if one of the Wi-Fi thermostats will work with the humidistat that way I can monitor from Michigan The higher end options of all of them have external humidistat controls. Absolutely something you should do for both of your homes. Let me also point out that once you have a WiFi Irrigation, then a WiFi garage door opener, WiFi doorbell, door locks, security cams. It worked that way for me . Heck the new fridge has it, I've just not bothered though. 11-05-2020, 07:36 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Malsua The higher end options of all of them have external humidistat controls. Absolutely something you should do for both of your homes. Let me also point out that once you have a WiFi thermostat, you're going to want WiFi Irrigation, then a WiFi Flume to monitor water usage, then a WiFi doorbell, door locks, security cams. It worked that way for me . Heck the new fridge has it, I've just not bothered though. Technology is great. It doesn't take much to set it up and manage it. I installed WiFi dead bolts on our entry doors. They lock and unlock when the security is armed and disarmed. All these products keep coming. 11-05-2020, 09:56 AM Munn's installed a Nest for me in September. I did it because I am a way. It has been great. It cost \$374 for the Nest, install and 5 year warranty The Following User Says Thank You to Timdowling For This Useful Post: 11-05-2020, 10:23 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Timdowling Munn's installed a Nest for me in September. I did it because I am a snow bird and vanted to keep track when I am away. It has been great. It cost \$374 for the Nest, install and 5 year warranty Plus one! I know of 2 friends of ours who had Munn's also install the thermostat. Can't beat being able to control it remotely. We also have Nest cameras installed in our locations. Page 2 11-05-2020, 10:39 AM I have Ecobee 3 Lite about \$130 on Amazon. Easy to install, works well and has humidistat functionality. I also have one in our condo in MI. ChervlnCliff IN., CA., MI. 11-05-2020, 11:26 AM Thermostat Ouote: Originally Posted by Bilyclub If you have a Carrier heat pump with the Edge thermostat things get more complicated. I have installed in the new carrier heat pump systems install will burn out the transformer, lesson learned. This was the most complicated install. I definitely would have Munn's installed ny thermostat. Quote: Originally Posted by rjn5656 Has anyone had one installed by Munn's installed a Nest for me. I did it because I wanted something easy to program and to keep track if I am away from home. It has been great. It cost \$374 for the Nest, installed with a 5 year warranty. I'm very happy with it. The Munn's installed WiFi Honeywell in my TV home. Works great and has a dehumidify away mode that lets you set the max humidity in your home when your up north over the summer. Humidity in my house never went above 60% over the summer. 11-05-2020, 07:50 PM We prefer our old fashioned thermostat, no wifi, wireless, or anything else that can go bad or breach our data. Our motto is KISS, Keep it simple, stupid. The Following User Says Thank You to tophcfa For This Useful Post: 11-05-2020, 10:05 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Diver Man I have installed many wifi thermostats, and I will agree 100 percent with the new carrier heat pump systems installed in the newer homes, you need to remove the junction block connection between the old thermostat and the ac unit , or you will burn out the transformer, lesson learned. This was the most complicated install. I definitely would have Munns install. Could you tell me how many wires you need going to the thermostat? 11-05-2020, 11:50 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Bilyclub Could you tell me how many wires you need going to the thermostat?

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I have seen internet threads implying you need a 7 wire feed to the thermostat. 11-07-2020, 07:07 AM Bought Ecobee 3 on Amazon for \$approx \$159. Interacts with Alexa. Michael of Good Guys HVAC installed (352) 805. South Philadelphia PA, Wildwood NJ, Riyadh-Saudi Arabia, Upland CA, Colorado Springs CO 11-07-2020, 12:32 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Dana1963 Now we use a simple humidistat and have a neighbor check home monthly and after power failures. Tried a wifi device but it failed. Who 0035. He's a Villager. His cost \$95 Paulat585 Northeast Ohio, Northern California, including Santa Cruz, Oakland Hills, East Bay, Stockton and Merced and now The Villages 11-07-2020, 02:39 PM Fantastic - Ecobee! Quote: Originally Posted by rjn5656 Has anyone had one installed by Munn's? We just had a new A/C unit installed by Munn's installed this for you? very professional, fast and efficient - the new unit is 3.5 ton, SEER-16, with an Ecobee thermostat - it's awesome, easy to set/use/change settings on my phone, easy to use in the house (you can just talk to it and it will set temps, etc.). Been in a month and ZERO issues. Really easy to use and works well, and again, kudos to Munn's - they were great! 11-07-2020, 10:28 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Bilyclub Not that easy if you have a Carrier Edge thermostat. There is a control box by the blower in the garage that complicates everything. I have seen internet threads implying you need a 7 wire feed to the thermostat. It seems that's because they basically install the "thermostat guts" at the blower unit and just "remote" the display box/temp sensor with 2-wires. The rest of the wires should be there in the wall unattached. You need to bypass the control module and get rid of it. Then simply connect the Nest's Rh,Y1,W1,C,G connectors to the RYWCG terminals on the furnace. Installing Nest thermostat - replacing Carrier Edge with Carrier Comfort 95 (compatible?) : Nest 5 comments This thread is archived New comments cannot be cast Sort by Great! to make sure I understand. Do I remove the currently plugged into the control module and plug them into the furnace? level 2 AStuf Nest Thermostat Generation 33 points · 2 years ago Correct. Remove the current wires between the control module and furnace. Keep the other cable with two wires (red/white) on Y and C connected as that feeds the outside a/c compressor. level 3 n1876x 1 point · 2 years ago I wanted to thank you very very much! It worked!!! Nest told me it wouldn't but you saved the day. Thank you!!! level 4 11-10-2020, 06:13 PM [QUOTE=EdFNJ;1857766]It seems that's because they basically install the "thermostat guts" at the blower unit and just "remote" the displayable displayab box/temp sensor with 2-wires. 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[QUOTE=Bilyclub;1859093] Quote: Originally Posted by EdFNJ It seems that's because they basically install the "thermostat guts" at the blower unit and just "remote" the display box/temp sensor with 2-wires. The rest of the wires should be there in the wall unattached. You need to bypass the control module and get rid of it. Then simply connect the Nest's Rh,Y1,W1,C,G connectors to the RYWCG terminals on the furnace. Installing Nest thermostat - replacing Carrier Edge with Carrier Comfort 95 (compatible?) : Nest Great! to make sure I understand. Do I remove the current wiring from the furnace? level 2 AStuf Nest Thermostat Generation 33 points · 2 years ago Correct. Remove the current wires between the control module and furnace. Then move the cable currently connecting the thermostat (old red/black) and use 5 of the wires to connected as that feeds the outside a/c compressor. level 3 n1876x 1 point · 2 years ago It looks like there are more than 7 wires in my edge, besides the jumper wire. 06-30-2009, 10:19 AM Wiring a dehumidistat Bought a dehumidistat---the same one that MUNN's uses (Honeywell H46C). I have the Carrier thermostat FY4A. I want the parallel wiring hook-up.. Does anyone have simple instructions on how to install the dehumidistat? (it's ONLY two wires) I can't make heads or tails out of the instructions that came with it.... 06-30-2009, 01:30 PM Quote: Originally Posted by ditzyfitzy Bought a dehumidistat? (it's ONLY two wires) I can't make heads or tails out of the instructions that came with it.... The thermostat probably has four wires: Red(low voltage line), Green (Fan relay) and Yellow wire) and one of the wires under the red wire terminal(with the red wire). 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Last edited by iaudit; 06-30-2009 at 04:49 PM. 06-30-2009, 03:02 PM [QUOTE=iaudit;212022] The thermostat probably has four wires: Red(low voltage line), Green (Fan relay), White (Heat relay) and Yellow (Cooling contactor). To wire in parallel, simple attach one of the dehumidistat wires under the yellow wire terminal(with the yellow wire) and one of the wires under the red wire). Now your air conditioner will run if either the relative humidity rises above the setting you establish). If you wire in series, you would disconnect the yellow wire and attach one of the dehumidistat wires to it with a wire nut and attach the of other dehumidistat wires above the setting you establish AND the temperature rises above the thermostat cooling setting is not high enough, the air conditioner will stop running before the relative humidistat wires ince the dehumidistat wires will not reach to the thermostat. Wire nut the thermostat wire to the dehumidistat wires to extend them to the tstat. 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Thanks 07-01-2009, 09:56 AM humidistat setting Quote: Originally Posted by ricthemic What would be a safe relative humidity set point for the summer? Thanks 07-01-2009, 09:56 AM humidistat setting Quote: Originally Posted by ricthemic What would be a safe relative humidity set point for the summer? Thanks 07-01-2009, 09:56 AM humidistat setting Quote: Originally Posted by ricthemic What would be a safe relative humidity set point for the summer? Originally Posted by iaudit The thermostat probably has four wires: Red(low voltage line), Green (Fan relay), White (Heat relay) and Yellow wire terminal(with the vellow wire) and one of the dehumidistat wires under the red wire). Now your air conditioner will run if either the relative humidity rises above the setting you establish. If you wire in series, you would disconnect the yellow wire and attach one of the dehumidistat wires to it with a wire nut and attach the of other dehumidistat wire to the terminal where the yellow wire was. 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Page 2 05-15-2012, 07:41 AM Multi-modal path spraying Excellent explanation of " how to" If all else fails I am Handieman This week has spraying of multi-modal paths. There is a map of where they are spraying each night at the postal station. At least, there is one at Lynnhaven Postal Station which has various routes color coded as to wear they are spraying. It recommends that if you live by one of these modal paths you should keep your windows shut the night they are bot the spraying is going on - link to a map is at the bottom of the post: Bill 05-15-2012, 10:09 AM Here are some more details about when/where the spraying is going on - link to a map is at the Lynnhaven Postal Center for this information on the way to Doggie Doo Run Run this morning but I guess someone no longer found it newsworthy or it was covered via an e-mail like yours. 05-15-2012, 11:57 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Taltarzac725 Thanks Bill-n-Brillo. 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You can also sign up there to receive emails on announcements such as this. 05-15-2012, 12:11 PM Quote: Originally Posted by JLHart I would be among the very last to have anything nice to say about the Daily Sun (which is nothing more than a marketing / political position rag for the Morse Family) ... but they did post a comprehensive map of this work on 5/14 - C-9 It has been in the DS for the past three days. Jacksonville, Florida Andover, New Jersey The Villages Second star to the right, then straight on 'til morning. 05-15-2012, 12:13 PM Quote: Originally Posted by zcaveman For the past three days. Some Villages Daily Sun on occasion but do not get the Villages Daily Sun nor may they get e-mails from the District. I read The Villages Daily Sun on occasion but do not get the Villages Daily Sun nor may they get e-mails from the District. I read The Villages Daily Sun on occasion but do not get the Villages Daily
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You didn't like my Real Name: Steven Massy Arrived at TV through Greenwood, IN; Moss Beach, CA; La Grange, KY; Crystal River, FL; The Villages Daily Sun nor may they get e-mails from the District. I read The Villages Daily Sun on occasion but do not get District e-mails. Wonder how they know what is going on? 05-15-2012, 09:49 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Bogie Shooter Wonder how they know what is going on? Come on, Bogie - - it's all on TOTV!!! Bill 05-19-2012, 08:10 PM Exactly WHAT are they spraying for! Just stinks to me! 05-19-2012, 09:16 PM They did the cart path behind our house last evening. Kind of interesting to watch, but it only took a short time to complete. I stepped outdoors to take a sniff of the air...wondered if what was sprayed had an aroma. Couldn't notice any different smell in the air. The cart path is a ways from my lanai so maybe I was out of sniffing aroma range. 05-19-2012, 09:21 PM Spraying Does anyone know what the purpose of the spraying is for? 05-20-2012, 06:36 AM It's an asphalt rejuvenator... Heres a brief Internet search blurb on what it does: Pavement leading to cracking and pavement failure. Rejuvenator penetrates the asphalt, restores essential oils, rejuvenates the asphaltic binder and repairs damage within the asphalt matrix. Under heavy traffic, smaller cracks may see some degree of closure. Maryland (DC Suburbs) - first 51 years The Villages - next 51 years 11-21-2013, 05:19 AM Thermostat Replacement with a Wifi Thermostat... Has anyone successfully replaced their Thermostat with a Wifi Thermostat, i.e. Nest or Honeywell? I am quite interested in upgrading my Village installed Carrier Thermostat. 11-21-2013, 07:59 AM The real question is... How does the Honeywell Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat stack up against the popular Nest? Was it easy to replace the builder provided Carrier thermostat with the Wi-Fi unit? 01-25-2014, 04:01 PM I'm interested too. I have a radio thermostat in another home but it does not do the humidity check. Any update to your query??? 01-27-2014, 09:01 AM Tried 2 Homewell Wifi Thermosstats Quote: Originally Posted by Papa Has anyone successfully replaced their Thermostat with a Wifi Thermostat, i.e. Nest or Honeywell? I am quite interested in upgrading my Village installed Carrier Thermostat. Over the last 3 or 4 years I tried two different Honeywell? I am quite interested in upgrading my Village installed Carrier Thermostat. But the main user interfaces of both were too difficult for my technology challenged wife. Simple things like switching from heat to cool required several button pushes. I like the idea of monitoring the home temperature on my phone or iPad while I am away. I have been following the Nest thermostat for several years but never bought one. All the reviews say that the Generation 2.0 version fixed issues with the initial design. Nest must have got something right as Google just paid \$3.2Billion last week to buy the company and it is only 3 or 4 years old (ex Apple engineers). Nest also has a new wifi enabled smoke and carbon monoxide detector. Search YouTube for the Jan 16th 2014 Ellen Degeners show (Chirp Chirp)funny! 05-21-2014, 07:02 PM I was wondering if anyone installed one last November. It would work for awhile and then after a month or so, the fan (blower unit) would not shut off. I got a new one and then same problem. After talking to the Nest technicians, they sent me a third one, and this time I did not hook up the blue wire. After a month, same problems. 05-22-2014, 05:54 AM Consumer Reported that there have been a lot of problems with the "Nest" thermostats 05-22-2014, 06:35 AM Honeywell WiFi I installation issue, which was quickly solved by customer support, it has worked flawlessly. The installation issue, which was quickly solved by customer support, it has worked flawlessly. necessary, if you are the least bit handy with a screwdriver and can twist on a few wire nuts. Installation instructions are very good. I chose the Honeywell over the Nest for the better LCD screen and a few of the features. I am able the check [and change] the temperature in the home from anywhere in the world via my iPhone or iPad. It's also easy to change between heat and A/C. The unit measures temperature and humidity, inside your home and you are able to monitor [and change] those readings from anywhere. Maybe overkill, but this is just another small piece of my "connected" home. 05-22-2014, 07:18 AM Just wondering what the reason for installing a WiFi T-stat? If you are gone for long periods what would be the advantage or savings here? Esp if you have to keep your internet service on and pay for that every month. We have a new home with a real nice Carrier T-stat and we added the Humidity control. It works great and keeps our elec bill very low! 05-22-2014, 08:31 AM We have the IRIS thermostat here in MI, along with other IRIS products. We decided to have one installed in our CYV and had Carrier install. Our service man seemed to have problems from the start with the install. After he checked everything and left, an hour later the air conditioning quit. We called and the same guy came out several hours later and made the statement that he thought he might have wired it wrong. REALLY! He ended up blowing the coil in the air conditioner on a 90+ day and the part had to be ordered and wouldn't be installed for another week. So be careful if you install yourself or even have a Trained service man do it... 05-22-2014, 09:09 AM I have the NEST thermostat - here's what you need to know I have a NEST thermostat in my home here. It works nice as it provides both temperature and humidity and and allows me to remotely turn the AC on (if I want to). In order to use the NEST without any problems, you want to make sure that you have both the 24VAC common and hot lines going to it so that it is actually receiving 24V power. Older homes used to have just the 24VAC hot wire only and the NEST (along with the Honeywell) had to parasitically get power by pulsing the lines; you don't want that as it can't get enough power to reliably keep it's battery charged up for consistent internet access. The thermostats down here (at least on the 2 homes I've had) are wired that way. Also, set your router up so that the NEST has a static IP address on your network versus dynamic. I can view my NEST either via my PC or iphone. Hope that helps. 05-22-2014, 10:04 AM Can you describe the installation issue, which was quickly solved by customer support, it has worked flawlessly. 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Also, I thought that the Honeywell auto-switche 05-22-2014, 02:37 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Papa Can you share the installation issue with us? I would like to get the Honeywell but heard that they would not support it, unless installed by an HVAC service man. Are the settings you made the same for all the newer between Cooling/Heating. It doesn't? I would love to get one. Carrier units in the Villages? Also, I thought that the Honeywell auto-switches between Cooling/Heating. It doesn't? I would love to get one. Yeah, my issue was that I had an extra wire that was not accounted for. I called customer support and they had me going in about 10 minutes...I had to tell them air handler model, etc. Seems I have a secondary heating element, as part of the heat pump, so that's where the extra wire was coming from. I suspect you would have the same issue as I. If your system is capable of switching between heating and cooling automatically, the Honeywell thermostat will provide you with an Auto function. You set the minimums for each temperature and the system does have that capability... Connecting to the home WiFi was pretty easy...it'll find your network and you'll need to supply the password, if you have a protected WiFi network. From there, create an account at Honeywell, download the apps for your smartphone or tablet and you're all set. Hope this helps... 05-22-2014, 02:42 PM Quote: Originally Posted by memason Yeah, my issue was very minor.... The unit comes with some rather comprehensive wiring diagrams, meant to map your exiting thermostat. The only issue was that
I had an extra wire that was not accounted for. I called customer support and they had me going in about 10 minutes...I had to tell them air handler model, etc. Seems I have a secondary heating element, as part of the heat pump, so that's where the extra wire was coming from. I suspect you would have the same issue as I. If your system is capable of switching between heating and cooling automatically provide heat or cooling to accommodate your climate control. My system does have that capability... Connecting to the home WiFi was pretty easy...it'll find your network and you're all set. Hope this helps... :-) Looks like I'm going to order the Honeywell... Might be back for help when it arrives. 05-22-2014, 04:36 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Papa :-) Looks like I'm going to order the Honeywell... Might be back for help when it arrives. I picked mine up at Lowes or Home Depot....I can't remember. If you need it, I can send you before and after photos of the wiring...that's the only thing you'll have any potential guestions about....Just PM me when ready. 05-29-2014, 08:22 AM Ouestion on install Ouote: Originally Posted by memason I picked mine up at Lowes or Home Depot....I can't remember. If you need it, I can send you before and after photos of the wiring...that's the only thing you'll have any potential questions about....Just PM me when ready. Is the WHITE wire the one for AUX Heat? Forget it... I just confirmed that the WHITE wire is for AUX Heat. Last edited by Papa; 05-29-2014 at 09:09 AM. Page 2 Honeywell just launched a new smart thermostat called Lyric. It takes Call or txt anytime @ (352) 388-1677 Tom@VillagerAV.com 08-29-2024, 07:07 AM Take precautions I had my meter changed last week and watched the Honeywell tech. I had already shut down and disconnected sensitive devices like computers. I had also shut the automation to a whole new level with geofencing. Learn more here... A/C units off. He agreed it was a good idea. But takes 5 minutes of his time. When he tried to install the new meter into the old contacts he had some problems. He tried 3 times. Each time the electric made momentary contact. But I can just imagine what my refrigerator and freezer were doing when the current was so intermittent for a few seconds, 3 times. Before he left I checked my house and found that some devices (phone and clock) reacted to that rapid ON/OFF power. My whole house surge had no reaction. But I did not have any damage to my devices. So I would highly recommend you MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH HONEYWELL AND POWER DOWN AND UNPLUG SENSITIVE DEVICES LIKE COMPUTERS, A/C, AND ANYTHING WITH A COMPRESSOR LIKE FRIG. AND FREEZER. PUT A NOTE ON YOUR DOOR: "HONEYWELL: NO METER CHANGE WITHOUT MY PRESENCE." Skip 08-29-2024, 07:32 AM Meter Replacement Damage The meter replacement damaged our bed cooler mat motor. \$600 for a new one. Air fryer control panel is acting up. Cannot change time or temperature units. Neighbor had to replace A/C compressor on a seven year old unit. Strongly recommended you make an appointment and turn off the breakers on your appliances and A/C. 08-29-2024, 07:49 AM Wouldn't it be easier to flip the main breaker off before the meter change, rather than individual breakers? The Following User Says Thank You to NoMoSno For This Useful Post: 08-29-2024, 08:07 AM Quote: Originally Posted by NoMoSno Wouldn't it be easier to flip the main breaker off before the meter change, rather than individual breakers? First turning off refrigerator. Freezer and A/C all nice it had heads up when they was coming. I got same message with no date and time. 08-29-2024, 08:11 AM Quote: Originally Posted by banjobob Seco changed out our meter vesterday, knocked and informed power would be off for a few minutes, probably 5 minutes, probably 5 minutes and time. 08-29-2024, 08:11 AM Quote: Originally Posted by banjobob Seco changed out our meter vesterday knocked and informed power would be off for a few minutes. least knock before, that give me time to sit off AC, refrigerator, freezer. 08-29-2024, 08:14 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Keefelane66 Occasionally areas are affected by power outages. I might be home or not when power is restored no adverse action's Yet! 08-29-2024, 08:26 AM Our meter was replaced this week. The electricity at our house was off for less than 1 minute. We had to re-set some clocks, but other than that, no issues. 08-29-2024, 08:50 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Misky1951 I got a notification from SECO about a new meter installation. They will change the meter whether I'm home or not. The Connected Villager club recommends disconnecting your electronics during the meter change. They said a member experienced a brownout when the power was restored. I called SECO and they said I can call Honeywell (the subcontractor) and schedule an appointment. This would help with the timing of turning off my electronics. Their # is 855/663-1674. Just had my meter replaced. It took about 2 minutes and I didn't have to disconnect anything. No problems. The Following User Says Thank You to Steve For This Useful Post: 08-29-2024, 11:20 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Michael-D The meter replacement damaged our bed cooler mat motor. \$600 for a new one. Air fryer control panel is acting up. Cannot change time or temperature units. Neighbor had to replace A/C compressor on a seven year old unit. Strongly recommended you make an appointment and turn off the breakers on your appliances and A/C. Good advise, best to shut off the main breaker when they are swapping out the meter. Especially on an older home whet the meter connections may have corroded. The Following User Says Thank You to Altavia For This Useful Post: 08-29-2024, 12:01 PM Quote: Originally Posted by Skip I had my meter changed last week and watched the Honeywell tech. I had also shut the A/C units off. He agreed it was a good idea. But takes 5 minutes of his time. When he tried to install the new meter into the old contacts he had some problems. He tried 3 times. Each time the electric made momentary contact. But I can just imagine what my refrigerator and freezer were doing when the current was so intermittent for a few seconds, 3 times. Before he left I checked my house and found that some devices (phone and clock) reacted to that rapid ON/OFF power. My whole house surge had no reaction. But I did not have any damage to my devices. So I would highly recommend you MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH HONEYWELL AND FREEZER. PUT A NOTE ON YOUR DOOR: "HONEYWELL: NO METER CHANGE WITHOUT MY PRESENCE." Skip Is there a way to shut power off to the whole house at the circuit breaker box? I can't imagine trying to pull my refrigerator out to unplug it. And how did you shut power off to your A/C? It's harder to hate close up. 08-29-2024, 12:10 PM There will be a main circuit disconnect circuit breaker typically at the bottom of your panel, but could be at the top. Throw that and it will turn off power to the rest of the breakers. Quote: Originally Posted by CFrance Is there a way to shut power off to the whole house at the circuit breaker box? I can't imagine trying to pull my refrigerator out to unplug it. And how did you shut power off to your A/C? 08-29-2024, 12:25 PM They were so fast, I did not have time to disconnect anything! Reset some clocks and no problems. 08-29-2024, 12:52 PM Quote: Originally Posted by biker1 There will be a main circuit disconnect circuit breaker typically at the bottom of your panel, but could be at the top. Throw that and it will turn off power to the rest of the breakers. Thanks. I called and made an appointment. Our A/C is in good condition but is old, and we're not ready to replace it. It's harder to hate close up. 08-29-2024, 01:17 PM I get it turning off your desktop computer and any other sensitive electronic devices and the HVAC for sure but I hope everyone realizes when we get a storm or a power outage, even a short one that the electric doesn't come on in one shot. Often it's the same On, then Off then On again similar what you are experiencing with the meter replacement. If you have equipment failing with the meter change it would have probably failed in a future power outage. 08-29-2024, 01:20 PM The issue is the likely spark that occurs when the power meter is pulled and then reinstalled. These sparks create huge power surges on your house circuits that many computer controlled devices don't like. Page 2 08-29-2024, 01:24 PM Quote: Originally Posted by dougawhite The issue is the likely spark that occurs when the power meter is pulled and then reinstalled. These sparks create huge power surges on your house circuits that many computer controlled devices don't like. Which is another reason why whole house surge protection is a good idea. In fact, I've now heard so many reports of surge damage that in my opinion, it's something that you need to get living here in Central Florida. Not really an option any more. 08-29-2024, 02:15 PM Quote: Originally Posted by coleprice Our meter was replaced this week. The electricity at our house was off for less than 1 minute. We had to re-set some clocks, but other than that, no issues. Same here! "In the valley of the blind, the one eyed is not king, but spectator!" 08-29-2024, 02:52 PM Quote: Originally Posted by jrref Which is another reason why whole house surge protection is a good idea. In fact, I've now heard so many reports of surge protection is a good idea. In fact, I've now heard so many reports of surge protection is a good idea. now a requirement of the FL electrical code for new installations. The Following User Says Thank You to Altavia For This Useful Post: 08-30-2024, 06:17 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Altavia Surge protection is now a requirement of the FL electrical code for new installations. The Following User Says Thank You to Altavia For This Useful Post: 08-30-2024, 06:17 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Altavia Surge protection is now a requirement of the FL electrical code for
new installations. educated on this topic so they can make an informed decision. As part of the Villages Lightning Study Group, I focus on surge protection and give that part of the villages and other social media, and Len's articles in the Sun and the Villages News, you would think everyone would be aware. 08-30-2024, 07:52 AM Quote: Originally Posted by jrref I get it turning off your desktop computer and any other sensitive electronic devices and the HVAC for sure but I hope everyone realizes when we get a storm or a power outage, even a short one that the electric doesn't come on in one shot. Often it's the same On, then Off then On again similar what you are experiencing with the meter replacement. If you have equipment failing with the meter change it would have probably failed in a future power outage. Some of the point of use surge protectors have a delay period built in, to protect from just this kind of on / off fluctuation. This one available at Amazon has a three minute wait period, & there are others. The Following User Says Thank You to Dusty Star For This Useful Post: 08-30-2024, 07:58 AM Quote: Originally Posted by courtyard When they installed our Smart Meter, it caused our air conditioning unit motor to break and we were without AC for over 8 hours in 100 degree weather. Honeywell said they would enter a claim to pay us for the \$900 in damages, but alas they reneged claiming it was over ten years old and was getting ready to break. We were not the only house on our block to have this damage done. We kept our AC in good condition in those ten years by paying \$200 a year to SunKool to service our machine and didn't deserve this treatment. Small Claims Court. 08-30-2024, 08:18 AM Quote: Originally Posted by CFrance Is there a way to shut power off to the whole house at the circuit breaker box? I can't imagine trying to pull my refrigerator out to unplug it. And how did you shut power off to your A/C? You don't have to pull refrigerator out just click it to off, turn A/c off, shutdown any computers then flip main breaker box cut off, this prevent all these starting up at once when power flipped back on. The Following User Says Thank You to Topspinmo For This Useful Post: 08-31-2024, 07:22 AM After reading this thread I can see where some honest people had appliance failures after the meter change and blame it on Seco. The reality is you can probably fight with them but as in one case where the A/C was 10 years old failed, you are probably not going to get any satisifaction. Why? because you will get the same power fluctuation, this Off/On/Off/On when we get a power interruption. It happens periodically over the years. I'm sure Seco has some sort of protection for this type of event or they would have a lot of claims to deal with. In the case of the A/C failing, when the unit looses power when the meter caused it doesn't know it's prior state. So the new meter change shouldn't cause the A/C to fail even if the meter caused the power to fluctuate. In this case it might just be a coincidence. If the appliance failed during this meter change, it was probably going to fail anyway. As far as the event causing a surge, possible, but it shouldn't have been enough to make appliances fail. Surges in you home due to appliance failed during this meter change, it was probably going to fail anyway. As far as the event causing a surge, possible, but it shouldn't have been enough to make appliances fail. unfortunate but it's important to understand the reality of things and move on. 08-31-2024, 07:40 AM Quote: Originally Posted by jrref After reading this thread I can see where some honest people had appliance failures after the meter change and blame it on Seco. The reality is you can probably fight with them but as in one case where the A/C was 10 years old failed, you are probably not going to get any satisifaction. Why? because you will get the same power fluctuation, this Off/On/Off/On when we get a power interruption. It happens periodicaly over the years. I'm sure Seco has some sort of protection for this type of event or they would have a lot of claims to deal with. In the case of the A/C failing, when the unit looses power when the meter is pulled, when power is re-applied there is a 5 minute timer where the A/C to fail even if the meter caused the power to fluctuate. In this case it might just be a coincidence. If the appliance failed during this meter change, it was probably going to fail anyway. As far as the event causing a surge, possible, but it shouldn't have been enough to make appliances fail. Surges in you home due to appliances fail. Surges in you home due to appliance fail anyway. As far as the event causing a surge, possible, but it shouldn't have been enough to make appliance fail. correct, turning off power and turning on power either by switch, by outage and restoration, or by pulling out one meter and putting in another meter, all have the same effect on the equipment in the house, 120v to 0v to 120V. A surge is generally considered higher than stable usually external source. which is why i previously stated that there is no need to shut the house down for a meter replacement as its no different than turning your house off and on at the breaker, has the same effect, 120v to 0v to 120v unfortunately with all situations, things and stuff work until they don't, for many times unknown reasons, but that's modern day life with cheapest cost economic strategy. . ever said that they don't build 'em like they used to? well, that just happened. . . The Following User Says Thank You to CoachKandSportsguy For This Useful Post: 08-31-2024, 07:48 AM Quote: Originally Posted by CoachKandSportsguy jrref is correct, turning off power and turning on power either by switch, by outage and restoration, or by pulling out one meter and putting in another meter, all have the same effect on the equipment in the house, 120v to 0v to 120V. A surge is generally considered higher than stable supplied voltage of 120v, which is generated from a non stable usually external source. which is why i previously stated that there is no need to shut the house down for a meter replacement as its no different than an outage and restoration by the power company, no different than turning your house off and on at the breaker, has the same effect, 120v to 0v to 120v unfortunately with all situations, things and stuff work until they don't, for many times unknown reasons, but that's modern day life with cheapest cost economic strategy. . ever said that they don't build 'em like they used to? well, that just happened. . . In the 12 years that we've lived here, we have not once had the kind of power interruption an earlier poster spoke of-off on, off, on. The one time the power went out--Irma--it was a nano second and not even long enough to trip the clocks. I'm not going to take my chances with a 12-year-old a/c (that was just recently deemed in good working order) and an 8-year-old expensive refrigerator. It's harder to hate close up. 08-31-2024, 08:36 AM Our meter was replaced this past Wednesday. We were informed that it had been changed via a notification hung on the lanai door. No problems other than the usual minor annoyances that happen when power is interrupted: reset clocks, turn computer back on, etc. The Following User Says Thank You to ThirdOfFive For This Useful Post: 08-31-2024, 11:24 AM Quote: Originally Posted by CFrance In the 12 years that we've lived here, we have not once had the kind of power interruption an earlier poster spoke of--off, on, off, on. The one time the power went out--Irma--it was a nano second and not even long enough to trip the clocks. I'm not going to take my chances with a 12-year-old a/c (that was just recently deemed in good working order) and an 8-year-old expensive refrigerator. If you live in the Villages, you have experienced a power outage in the past 12 years. Maybe you were away, sleeping or whatever, but it's happened. That said, if you can turn off the A/C and the refrigerator or whatever else you can, that's fine and prudent eventhough you probably don't need to. Can't hurt. 08-31-2024, 01:26 PM Pulling a meter under load can result in an electrical code in some areas require a disconnect switch ahead of the meter so that the lineman can open the switch to disconnect the load before pulling the meter. The 2020 NEC® required an exterior emergency disconnect for one- and two-family dwelling units. Florida this year adopted Section 225.41 that requires that are clearly labelled. This allows first responders to disconnect power on the outside of a dwelling in case of emergency. Without the disconnect, first responders have to pull the meter with the risk of experiencing an arc flash. 230.85 Emergency Disconnects.. Last edited by Altavia; 08-31-2024, at 01:41 PM. 08power at panel, do you do the same during storms, in case you lose power? Wouldn't quick loss of power during inclement weather be the same as meter change? Do not worry about things you can not change 08-31-2024, 02:46 PM Quote: Originally Posted by asianthree So some had issues and some zero issues. Those who made the appointment to turn off your power at panel, do you do the same during storms, in case you lose power? Wouldn't quick loss of power during inclement weather be the same as meter change? Not all the time. Pulling the meter can induce a momentary arc that is different from power loss or turning off the main breaker. Page 3 09-09-2024, 10:26 AM Ok, got lucky was able to power down before the contractor changed my meter. Got baseline for summer use, I am averaging 24KW in 24 hours. (3 day total so far) I also recorded the reading in old meter, but don't make much since to me. 09-09-2024, 10:49 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Topspinmo Ok, got lucky was able to power down before the contractor changed my meter. Got baseline for summer use, I am averaging 24KW in 24 hours. (3 day total so far) I also have a
Sense power monitor, the readings match closely to three new meter. If you complete the home survey, the breakdown estimates are close also. 09-09-2024, 05:28 PM However there seems to be glitches in the new system, my app has zero data for 3 days, and on Thursday, I only used 7.42kWh in 24 hours. So my guess is work in progress until fully Do not worry about things you can not change 09-09-2024, 05:43 PM Yeah...There are some database update glitches.... 09-10-2024, 07:21 AM The SECO tech came to my door and notified me that the power would be off for about two mins. He was wrong, it was off for almost a min while he changed out the meter. I had functional Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway 09-10-2024, 08:19 AM Quote: Originally Posted by asianthree However there seems to be glitches in the new system, my app has zero data for 3 days, and on just enough time to turn off my computer, and really didn't need to do that. No problems resulting from the change. Thursday, I only used 7.42kWh in 24 hours. So my guess is work in progress until fully functional Are you living in that house right now? I just read the meter and do old school math. I refuse to walk around with IPhone surgically attached. 09-10-2024, 11:35 AM Quote: Originally Posted by Topspinmo Are you living in that house right now? I just read the meter and do old school math. I refuse to walk around with IPhone surgically attached. Yep meter is reading fine, it their app that is having issues. As far as internet use, between work, person email, banking, grocery order, controlling cameras, pool, robots, and TOTV, 56 minutes is top of spectrum for use per day. I am extremely efficient. Do not worry about things you can not change 09-10-2024, 02:47 PM Quote: Originally Posted by asianthree Yep meter is reading fine, it their app that is having issues. As far as internet use, between work, person email, banking, grocery order, controlling cameras, pool, robots, and TOTV, 56 minutes is top of spectrum for use per day. I am extremely efficient. O come on! You're not giving yourself enough credit! 09-10-2024, 03:08 PM For those who have had their meter at each house, one after another? in other words, if you were outside, could you "see them coming" before the installer rang your doorbell? The Following User Says Thank You to champion6 For This Useful Post: 09-10-2024, 03:34 PM Quote: Originally Posted by champion6 For those who have had their meter at each house, one after another? in other words, if you were outside, could you "see them coming" before the installer rang your doorbell? I heard a knock on my door, found a flyer, then walked out to my meter where he was working. He said just five more in the cul de sac and he was done for the day. So I didn't see him coming but he was working his way one house after the other. Why do people insist on making claims without looking them up first, do they really think no one will check? Proof by emphatic assertion rarely works. Confirmation bias is real; I can find any number of articles that say so. Victor, NY Randallstown, MD Yakima, WA Stevensville, MD Village of Hillsborough Last edited by Bill14564; 09-10-2024 at 04:58 PM. 09-10-2024, 04:43 PM Quote: Originally Posted by champion6 For those who have had their meter changed, did the contractor move down your block, changing the meter at each house, one after another? in other words, if you were outside, could you "see them coming" before the installer rang your doorbell? No they jumped around in my area and different person the 5 days l have noticed them in neighborhood