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When it's 90 degrees outside and you're in your recliner in your cool den watching *Jaws*, you might wonder what people did

before air conditioning. You're in luck. Today we're going to look at the history of air conditioning.

On hot summer days, especially in North Carolina, we can all agree that air conditioning is one of the most important inventions ever. If you've ever had your HVAC system stop working on such a day, you can understand. There's nothing worse than getting out of a cold shower and trying to get into those business casual clothes before a layer of sweat forms on your body.

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### History of Air Conditioning

While air conditioning used to be considered a luxury – some of you may not have had it growing up – it's now unusual for a business, home or school not to have some sort of cooling system. It was invented by a doctor, John Gorrie, who thought high temperatures were the devil. He said that people who had to endure them could develop diseases such as malaria. Patients in hospitals needed to be kept cool in order to recover properly. So, he started experimenting with artificial cooling.

Dr. Gorrie never got too far with his ideas, but he laid the groundwork for other inventors. An engineer named Willis Carrier made what would be considered the first modern air conditioner powered by electricity. Does the name sound familiar? Carrier later created a corporation that is still in operation today in the heating and air industry.

Air conditioners were huge at first, but like everything from computers to telephones, over the years they grew smaller and smaller. This allowed people to be able to have them in their homes. In 1932, window units were made available, but no one bought them because they were too expensive. Over 10 years later, in 1942, a line was developed that made it affordable for a homeowner to purchase one. About 43,000 were sold, and those 43,000 families probably had a lot of unannounced visitors on hot days.

By the 1960s, central air was standard in new homes, and those window units became even more affordable. They were most popular in states like Arizona and Florida. Now some form of air conditioning can be found in almost 100 million U.S. homes. Because of increasing use of air conditioning, which meant increased energy usage, there was an energy crisis in the 1970s. The government responded by passing legislation that established guidelines for how the equipment should be built to minimize energy usage.


Over the years, air conditioners have become much more energy efficient. Even in the last 20 years, they use 50 percent less energy. In 2015, the energy department announced new developments in air conditioning that don't require a refrigerant, which can cut back on energy usage as well improve the effects they can have on the environment.

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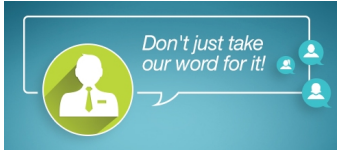
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