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6 Signs Your AC May Need **Repair Now**

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The need for unexpected airconditioning repair is not a surprise you want when tenants call in the heat of the season. This month's maintenance tip focuses on six signs your system may be faltering.

The first day of summer was June 20; are the air-conditioning systems in your rental properties ready for the heat?

If the answer to that question is a cautious, "I don't know," then you might want to call your local airconditioner repair company for an inspection.

When the heat arrives in full force, those rusty appliances could cost you thousands in emergency repairs and lead to miserable, sweat-filled days come July. But how do you know when it's time to call your local AC See '6 Signs' on Page 3

Is Demand for Rental Housing Shifting?

By Cory Brewer

As the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to take hold of not only the rental housing market, but virtually every facet of our "normal" lives, it is worth taking a look at the potential shift in demand for the type of housing that renters will seek.

A couple of months ago I heard some early data from the CEO of a well-known national real estate brokerage brand; he was discussing the number of searches for various types of housing on his website. The growing trend was a reduction in searches for in-city multi-family properties, and an increase in searches for larger suburban properties.

It appears to me that there are three main factors contributing to this developing trend:

First: Personal health and safety concerns have become top-of-mind for most people, even moreso than usual, these past few months. Highdensity housing can accelerate these concerns when you consider shared spaces such as entryways,



mail rooms, hallways, elevators, etc. There is an increasing desire for residents to get some breathing room between themselves and their neighbors.

Second: Square footage and private outdoor spaces can be hard to come by in multifamily housing, and have become even more desirable in the wake of stay-at-home orders that prevent visiting or gathering in spaces outside of one's home, such

as restaurants, concerts, sporting events, and so on. Being "stuck" at home is a little bit easier to handle if there is a basement or a bonus room to retreat to, or certainly a deck or back yard.

Third: Working remotely appears that it may become the new normal for many companies and industries. Some of the appeal to living in

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Property Management Companies, Others File Suit Over Seattle 'Autonomous Zone'

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Property management companies in Seattle and other businesses have filed a class-action suit in federal court against the City of Seattle over the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone (CHAZ), claiming the city "enabled the widespread destruction and vandalism of private property."

The lawsuit says businesses, employees and residents have been overrun by "the city of Seattle's unprecedented decision to abandon and close off an entire city neighborhood, leaving it unchecked by the police, unserved by fire and emergency

public at large.

"The city's decision has subjected businesses, employees, and residents of that neighborhood to extensive property damage, public-safety dangers, and an inability to use and access their properties."

The lawsuit says it does not seek to dilute the participants' right to free speech or their message.

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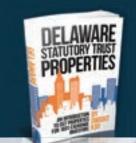
health services, and inaccessible to the of those who have gathered on Capitol Hill," and "Black Lives Matter who, by exercising such rights, are bringing issues such as systemic racism and unfair violence against African Americans by police to the forefront of the national consciousness

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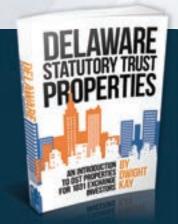
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At Kay Properties we have created an online real estate platform and marketplace at www.kpi1031.com that provides investors the opportunity to explore various 1031 exchange investment opportunities across the entire country and across multiple real estate asset classes.

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6 Signs Your AC System Could Need Repair Now

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repair person?

Here is a short list of warning signs to watch for that signal your air conditioning system may be in need of quick repair.

No. 1- ODD Noises

While humming and rushing air are usually not a concern, any knocking, growling, squealing or rattling could indicate serious trouble with the compressor or the condenser.

It is advisable that you get a professional air conditioner repair company to assess your system before your tenants start calling.

No. 2 - Unusual Odor OR SMELL

An air conditioner should never give off peculiar smells.

If yours does, it could be a sign of mold, damaged ductwork or malfunctioning

immediate repair if you do not want to end up replacing the unit.

No. 3 - Decreased Airflow

The primary sign of an air conditioning system that is working well is air flow.

Airflow can become restricted in several ways; there can be a problem with the duct work or fan, or a blockage or leak elsewhere in the system. Air ducts blocked by debris can pose a health risk, especially if the debris includes decomposing insects or the droppings of small animals. Polluted air flow can cause the onset of respiratory disease or worsen an existing breathing problem.

No. 4 - Excessive Cycling

Does your air conditioner turn on and off in short intervals?

If so, it may be short-cycling. If your unit seems to cycle on and off more than typical, it could mean that your thermostat

components. All these issues require is malfunctioning. It could also mean that lead to damage to your rental unit. cold air is escaping; check for leaks and add some weather stripping if needed.

No. 5 - Energy Bill Increase

A power bill that suddenly shoots up, especially if the unit is not running that often, could be another strong indicator that your system is in need of repair or replacement.

There are multiple causes for this particular issue, including leaks in your AC's ductwork, a broken thermostat switch, or the advanced age of the unit. Regardless of the source of the trouble, the AC will need to be repaired.

No. 6 – Leaking Water

If you notice that your air conditioning system is leaking water, you need to contact your local air conditioning repair company sooner rather than later.

Not only is this a sign that the AC unit is malfunctioning, but it may also AC systems naturally create moisture and condensation, but in a properly functioning system this moisture should be flushed out through drain lines.

In Conclusion

These are just some of the common warning signs to look for when checking on the condition of your AC in your rental properties. If you notice these or any other issues, contact a reputable HVAC repair company before the tenants start calling and the dog days of summer finally arrive.

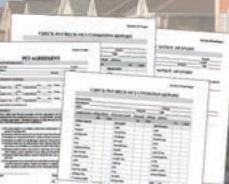
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Is There Shifting Demand for Rental Housing?

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a downtown apartment may be proximity to one's office in order to avoid commuting. If commuting is no longer a concern, then living in a location that is a bit further out from the city center may not be much of a concern, either.

SO WHAT IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

I don't have a crystal ball, by any means, but in talking with my team and learning what they are hearing out in the field, I predict that landlords should be prepared to (depending on demand) adjust their tenancy criteria to some degree.

Where some landlords may have limits or restrictions related to a prospective tenant's income, I would not be surprised to see more and more households that are larger in size (number of adults) looking to pool their incomes to get into a larger house together. Not everyone can afford to move from a small in-city apartment to a spacious suburban home, but perhaps two or three people who had been living solo might want to move in together and enjoy, for example, their back yard – together. We are preparing our property managers to have this conversation with our clients.

WHAT WILL BE SOURCE OF DEMAND FOR IN-CITY MULTIFAMILY HOUSING?

I would not be surprised to see a back-fill in demand from college students who may elect to move away from crowded dorms (if the dorm buildings are even open and available to begin with when schools re-open). To my earlier point, this would likely increase the frequency of demand for a guarantor to sign the lease ... another change that landlords should be prepared for.

I've read several articles recently about increased investment in single-family rental-housing construction. This is difficult to achieve in a market like the Seattle area where our properties are located and where buildable land is scarce between our lakes and mountains. However, in other markets where sprawl

continues to, well, sprawl, expect to see more of this. Demand for rental housing will be there, perhaps not always in the exact same form.

FINALLY, WHAT ABOUT DEMAND?

Which leads me to my final point: Expect the demand for (and construction of) accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to increase. The ADU is sort of a hybrid housing unit (not quite truly single-family, not quite truly multifamily) and as cities look to alter zoning rules to increase housing density, expect to see more and more ADUs coming online. An ADU can take multiple forms – detached, in the basement, above the garage, etc.

This would appear to be an attractive and affordable option for city-dwellers to move to more suburban neighborhoods and enjoy private entry, outdoor space, and potentially more square footage. There has been, still is, and will continue to be resistance against ADU construction from neighbors who are concerned about altering the character of their neighborhoods, but from a zoning standpoint, the tide seems to be turning as cities like Seattle are making a push to encourage this type of housing.

The ADU is also something that can allow multiple-generation families to live together while still having personal space, and can become a fantastic source of supplementary income for homeowners, especially if they decide to move into the ADU themselves and rent out the primary home.

In closing, to quote the Greek philosopher, Heraclitus: "The only constant in life is change."

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Potential Tenants Like Self-Guided Tours of Rentals Without Agents

RENTCAF

Self-guided rental-housing tours in person, without the agent, are growing in popularity – not virtual tours, which are everywhere, but actual in-person tours of the property just without the agent, according to a new survey.

RentCafe's survey of 3,500 Americans shows 83 percent would use self-guided

tours, despite having an array of options to tour virtually.

"Unlike virtual tours, self-guided tours allow for an in-person experience, meaning you can tour the actual apartment all by yourself and see how spacious it truly is, how it feels," said Adrian Rosenberg of RentCafe.

Self-guided tours mean visiting

apartments with zero face-to-face interaction. The prospective renters can open and close the apartment door by themselves through a smart lock.

The potential resident picks a date and time from an online calendar, selects a guided or self-guided tour and confirms the appointment.

Then they go through an ID verification

process and receive an address and access code to tour an apartment.

"Living in the time of a pandemic has pushed us into the digital realm faster than ever before, leading to an unprecedented boost in new tech solutions that allow us to continue to work and live while respecting social-distancing norms and minimizing health risks," RentCafe said.

Valley Rents Hold Steady in June During Pandemic

APARTMENT LIST

Eugene rents ticked up slightly in June by 0.1 percent and have held steady over the past few months and year-over-year, according to the latest report from Apartment List.

Median rents in Eugene stand at \$824 for a one-bedroom apartment and \$1,096 for a two-bedroom. Eugene's year-over-year rent growth lags the state average of 0.6 percent, but is in line with the national average of 0.2 percent.

Corvallis rents have remained flat over the past month, but are up slightly by 1.3 percent year-over-year. Median rents in Corvallis stand at \$833 for a one-bedroom apartment and \$1,045 for a two-bedroom.

In Salem, the median rent is \$723 for a studio, \$811 for a 1-bedroom, \$1,066 for a 2-bedroom, and \$1,552 for a 3-bedroom.

In Portland, rents continued to decline in June, dropping another 0.1 percent after a 0.3 drop in May, according to the latest report from Apartment List. Portland rents year-over-year have decreased by 0.4 percent in comparison to the same time last year.

Median rents in Portland stand at \$1,119 for a one-bedroom apartment and \$1,321 for a two-bedroom.

Across the state, Bend, Medford, and Corvallis have all experienced year-overyear growth above the state average (2.2 percent, 2.0 percent, and 1.3 percent, respectively).

"It's important to note that the magnitudes of these rent decreases are all quite modest, but on the other hand, this

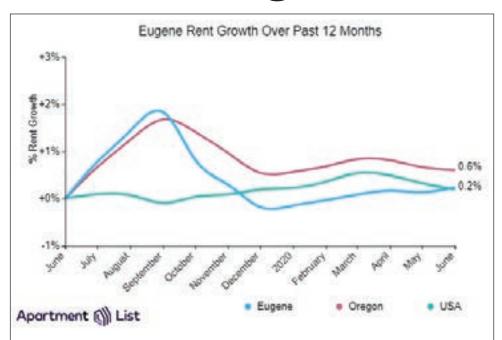
may just be the beginning of a prolonged trend," said Chris Salviati, Housing Economist at Apartment List.

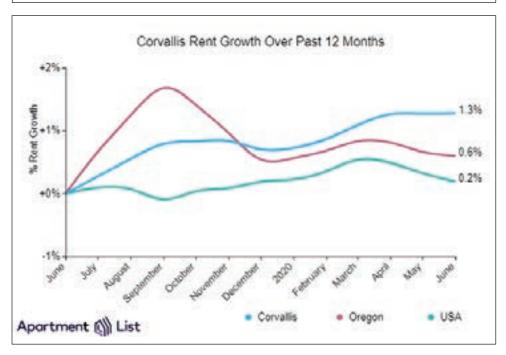
"I would note that the areas where we're seeing the most significant rent dips are in local economies that are heavily dependent on tourism, such as Las Vegas, Orlando, and Miami. Compared to those cities, Portland has higher shares of workers employed in knowledge occupations that can be done from home, so they're a bit more protected from the harshest economic impacts," he said.

Salviati said as far as longer-term impact, the pandemic's effect on rent prices will depend heavily on how quickly the economy is able to recover.

"Even in the best-case scenario, it's highly possible that we could see a protracted uptick in downgrade moves as many households facing financial hardship begin looking for more affordable housing," Salviati said.

ApartmentList is committed to making its rent estimates the best and most accurate available. To do this, they start with reliable median rent statistics from the Census Bureau, then extrapolate them forward to the current month using a growth rate calculated from their listing data. ApartmentList's approach corrects for the sample bias inherent in other private sources, producing results that are much closer to statistics published by the Census Bureau and HUD. Their methodology also allows them to construct a picture of rent growth over an extended period of time, with estimates that are updated each month.

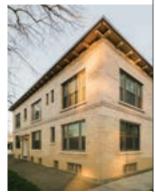




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Widespread Destruction of Property Alleged in Lawsuit

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other legal rights of plaintiffs—businesses, employees, and residents."

The suit says property owners and their tenants have not been able to fully use their properties.

"Property owners and tenants have, for instance, had to lock and barricade their garages and loading areas at risk of having participants entering and vandalizing them

"Property owners have been told by CHOP participants that if they dare to paint over graffiti, their buildings will be more severely vandalized or even burned to the ground.

"The city has done nothing to prevent this conduct, but, instead, has actively endorsed and supported the ongoing occupation of the CHOP area and the destruction of property."

The businesses and individuals filing suit say the "city has not listened" to their complaints about destruction of property so they had no alternative but to file a lawsuit. In addition to small businesses and individuals filing the lawsuit, there are many property management companies.

• Hunters Capital, LLC is one of the plaintiffs; it manages multifamily residential and other mixed-use properties in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. "Hunters Capital has suffered, and continues to suffer, economic loss ... its property has been damaged and its tenants and employees have been harassed," the suit says. A maintenance person at Hunters Capital was attempting to clean up graffiti on the building "when accosted by a group of CHOP participants" and told to stop the cleanup "and threatened to burn down the building" if the maintenance person did not comply. The company said tenants have been unable to sleep because of the constant noise. "Female tenants in particular have reported concerns about their personal



One of the photos submitted by the plaintiffs for the lawsuit.

safety in light of the numerous reported instances of sexual assault in CHOP. Some residents have threatened to break leases" with the company "because of extensive problems caused by CHOP." Also the suit says, "tenants have already started to leave because of CHOP, and others cannot pay rent. Every day that passes. more of the company's tenants leave."

 Madrona Real Estate Services, LLC said in the suit that they also have suffered, and continue to suffer, economic loss and other injuries, that their tenants have been harmed and harassed. Madrona also reported that CHOP participants had entered one building, pulled out pipes and set off the fire alarm and set off the sprinkler system, causing evacuation of 100 residents and flooding the parking garage, and "left human feces on multiple premises." Madrona has been unable to lease more than 40 new units in the area "because nobody is interested in moving to CHOP." Also, many of their small commercial tenants are facing bankruptcy.

- The Onyx Homeowners Association has 65 condominiums in the area, and its building has suffered property damage and theft and owners have been harassed and threatened. The president of the association, Wade Biller, "has been physically assaulted by a CHOP participant while attempting to negotiate with CHOP participants in his role as president" of the association. The suit says the building has been subject to graffiti and vandalism and residents calls to 9-1-1 received no response from the city.
- Redside Partners LLC also manages numerous properties in the Capitol Hill area and "has suffered, and continues to suffer, economic loss from CHOP among other injuries."
- Olive Street Apartments LLC owns two apartment complexes in the CHOP area and also "has suffered, and continues to suffer, economic loss from CHOP, among other injuries." The owner tried to move a dumpster outside the zone so the garbage would get picked up but was "videotaped and harassed" while trying. At the apartments CHOP participants tried to break into the buildings and into mailboxes and the apartments called police "but the police told Olive Street Apartments' security guard that they would not send anyone to the area."

The suit asks an injunction requiring the city to remove barriers and the nuisance created by CHOP and for actual damages to be determined by a jury at trial.

Read the full lawsuit at https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6956626-CHOPComplaint.html.



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RHA Oregon President's Message

All's Well With the World? Not Quite

Summer has finally arrived! The days are warm, the financial peril. skies are blue, and all Oregon counties are in some stage of reopening. All is well with the world. Well, not quite.

As I write this, the Oregon Legislature is meeting in a Special Session to pass legislation primarily related to the COVID-19 pandemic and police reform. I had hoped to write that with respect to the statewide moratorium on evictions put in place by Governor Brown's executive order, a new, more balanced law was being put in place. However, that is not quite how it turned out.

By the time you read this, I am sure there will have been several news reports and summaries regarding the legislation, House Bill 4312. Here is my short version: Oregon landlords may not terminate any lease or evict a tenant for non-payment of rent, or terminate any lease without cause, at least through September 30, 2020. One exception: landlords may terminate leases if they have accepted an offer to purchase the dwelling from someone who intends to occupy the dwelling.

As exasperating as this legislation is, it does not go as far as the "rent-forgiveness" position advocated by various tenant organizations. Unfortunately, it does place many landlords, especially the "mom-and-pop" landlords that comprise most members of RHA, in

We all recognize the moral hazard this bill creates by allowing any tenant to simply not pay rent until October 1, with no penalty and no guarantee that the missed rent will ever be paid. Despite testimony offered by landlords and organizations like RHA Oregon, MFNW, and ORHA, the legislature did not adopt a means test or restrict the rent deferral to those tenants impacted by COVID-19. This feature distinguishes Oregon's approach from places like Los Angeles and New York City. I suspect that someone will file a lawsuit in response to this, but given the backlog caused by the closure of the courts, it is unlikely any such suit would be resolved before the end of the emergency period.

So where do we go from here? Here is what Rental Housing Oregon will focus on during the next 90 days:

- We will provide education in the form of virtual courses, panels, and mentor sessions to clarify the impact of the legislation; I encourage you to sign up for one of these Zoom presentations on our website at rhaoregon.org.
- We will prepare forms for your use in October that meet the requirements for giving notice and negotiating a repayment plan for tenants.

We are advocating for rental assistance for landlords, in the form of legislation to be taken up in the next special session; please be prepared to add your testimony when that time comes!

As we are unable to hold either our Under a Starry Night event or our Annual Picnic this summer, we are instead undertaking fund raising to assist our members in severe financial distress. This is a great way that those of us who are not affected by the COVID-19 crisis can assist our colleagues who are.

I wish to thank our lobbyist and the members of the RHA Legislative Committee for their work and encouragement during the special session. I also thank everyone that participated in the RHA Oregon and MFNW rent surveys in April, May, and June. Your comments were especially helpful. We joined with MFNW to provide our members, the governor, and the legislature with a picture of the landlord-tenant landscape during COVID-19. We will take a break and see how the situation plays out for the next 90 days, with our next survey likely in October.

Happy Independence Day!

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