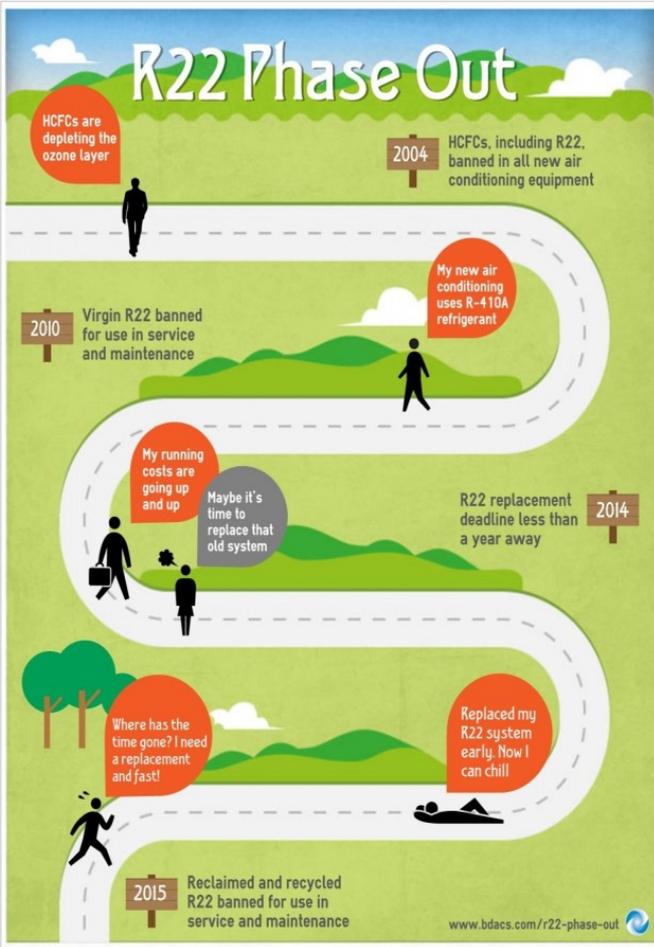




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URGENT NOTICE: R22 PHASED OUT



Have you been praying all summer that your older R22 air conditioner won't kick the bucket? Hoping to avoid replacing it during the hot Arizona summer? Especially, if you know your unit has a refrigerant leak and not cooling like it should be. You may be trying to decide how long you can get by before you'll have to invest in a new system. An important factor in making that decision is answering the question: when does R22 become illegal?

Since you're reading this article, you probably know that the former industry-standard refrigerant R22 (also known as Freon) is being phased out worldwide due to its harmful effects on the ozone layer. (Read on Bill's Corner about the difference between R22 vs R410A to learn more) As per the US Environmental Protection Agency, R22 will become illegal in the United States on

January 1, 2020. After that R22 refrigerant phase out date, R22 can no longer be manufactured or imported into the US.

What does the R22 phase out timeline mean for you?

After R22 becomes illegal on January 1, 2020, older R22 systems become obsolete and can no longer be repaired when the repair would require adding refrigerant to the system. Except for some simple electrical issues, many types of repairs do require recharging refrigerant. You've probably guessed that fixing a refrigerant leak will be out of the question. If you've been getting by with your old leaky system for a while by periodically adding more refrigerant (which we DO NOT recommend), those days are numbered and now is the time to figure out your plan for replacing the system.

Here at Sunrise Mechanical, we believe in being proactive and being transparent. That's why we have been talking to our customers about this issue for some time now, so they understand the situation and can plan and budget accordingly.

In general, owners of R22 air conditioners will have 2 choices:

1. Do nothing until your system breaks down.
2. Replace your system proactively.

Don't wait until your system breaks down, give Sunrise Mechanical a call today so we can help put in a new system so you can remain comfortable and cool in your home!