

	<p>Fiberglass or synthetic filters are a cheap and disposable option for your furnace. They do a good job but <u>need replacing at least monthly</u>. They are considered minimum protection. They prevent dust and dirt from building up in the furnace but not much else. They don't filter harmful contaminants affecting your health.</p>
	<p>Electrostatic filters use self-charging fibers to attract particles out of your air. You can purchase <u>disposable or washable electrostatic filters depending on your furnace</u>. Washable versions offer good filtration and last longer than the average filter.</p> <p>Clean washable filters with soap and water; <u>let it completely dry before reinstalling it</u>. If you install it before it completely dries, you run the risk of mildew and mold growth.</p>
	<p>A pleated filter offers high-efficiency results by trapping very small particles. <u>Pleated filters are more efficient and last longer compared to fiberglass/synthetic filters</u>. They eliminate more pollutants from your air without sacrificing airflow within your system.</p>
	<p>The most expensive option is a High-Efficiency Particulate Air, or HEPA, filter. These provide high-end filtration by trapping up to 99% of all particles. Even though they are excellent at eliminating indoor pollutants and create a healthier environment in your home, <u>they can drastically reduce your system's airflow, costing more money in energy usage</u>.</p>

What do the ratings mean?

The higher the rating number, the more particles are trapped in the filter. The rating tells you how good the filter is at stopping very small particles. Some can even filter bacteria and viruses.

The industry standard is called a *MERV* rating, abbreviation for *Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value*. But you might also see *MPR* rating (*Microparticle Performance Rating*) or *FPR* rating (*Filter Performance Rating*). No matter what they are called, **this number tells you how much dust, pollen, allergens the filter can trap.**

Find the Right Air Filter for Your Home

FILTER QUALITY	Odor	Pollen	Smoke	Pet Dander	Bacteria	Microscopic Allergens	Dust/Lint	Mold	Virus Carriers	Dust Mites	Smog
PREMIUM Shop All > FPR 10-12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BEST Shop All > FPR 8-9		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
BETTER Shop All > FPR 6-7		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	
GOOD Shop All > FPR 4-5	✓			✓			✓			✓	