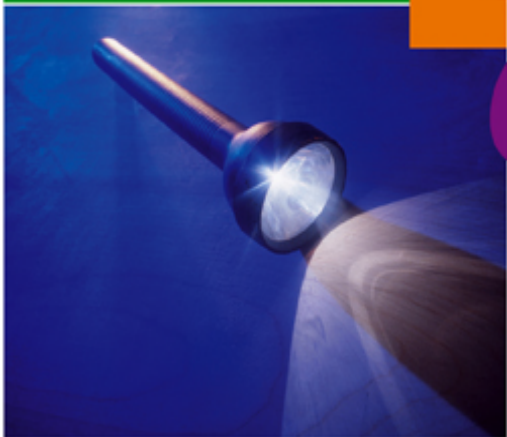


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Q: Any suggestions on winterizing my A/C unit.
We always cover it up for winter but nothing
beyond that.

A: Many homeowners believe that it is important
to cover the outside condenser. It is not
necessary or even advisable, to cover and wrap
the A/C condenser with a tarp or plastic cover
during the winter. This was designed knowing
that it would be outside and exposed to the
elements year round. Sealing it off from air flow
causes a buildup of moisture and condensation. A
piece of plywood may be the best choice. Not
only will it keep debris from entering the housing
but if it is located above the eave, falling ice
won't damage it.

The other issue is that mice love the winter
shelter you have devised for them. With the
insulation on the wires as a food source you have
created a rodent motel with a smorgasbord.

Your HVAC contractor will be visiting you this
summer, and it will be costly.

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