

## VILLA NEWS

Too Cold or Too Hot? You Decide  
Maintenance Tip of the Month  
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Since the weather changed from winter cold to spring and summer heat, there have been questions as to how to set your thermostat for the upcoming summer season. Here are a few answers to help clear up any confusion or problems regarding your thermostat.

First of all, let's talk about what a thermostat actually does. A thermostat is basically a thermometer attached to a switch that automatically turns on your air conditioner or heater. The older analog thermostats contain a mercury switch. The newer digital ones do the same thing, but contain what is called a thermistor (which senses the temperature in the room) and a microcontroller that reads the thermistor and drives an LCD display. They contain no mercury, are programmable and more accurate.

Whichever type of thermostat you have, if your room happens to be too warm, make sure your thermostat is set to "cool" and adjust the temperature to about 78 degrees or so (comfort levels may vary). If your room is too cold, you can either switch your thermostat to "off", or simply raise the temperature. This tells the thermostat to wait until the room heats up to the desired setting before the air conditioner resumes cooling.

If you happen to have questions regarding your thermostat, or if your room temperature is too hot or too cold, please let Maintenance know. We will be glad to make any repairs or adjustments needed to keep you comfortable throughout the year.