

Mandatory replacement

Air Conditioners Using Drinkable Water in the Residential Sector

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Mandatory replacement of equipment using drinkable water without a recycling system

Some housing units, often in condominiums, have an individual indoor air conditioning unit* that uses drinkable water without a recycling system. This unit is generally located in a closet or in a small space in the dwelling.

Is this the case in your home?

Since January 2018, in accordance with Bylaw RCG 13-011, air conditioner or any space-cooling unit using drinkable water without a recycling system are prohibited, must be removed or replaced with compliant units.

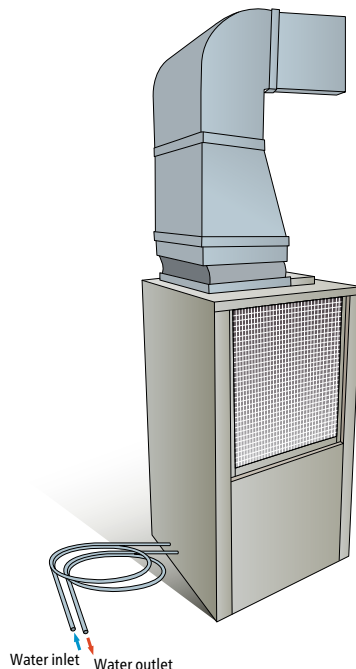
Solutions

Call upon a certified refrigeration/air conditioning professional (for example, a building engineer to seek solutions – a contractor who is a member of the CMMTQ for the installation). On the market, there is a variety of air conditioning and cooling equipment that is air-powered or that uses a recycling system instead.

Penalties

Anyone failing to comply with the Bylaw is liable to a fine ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 for the first infraction.

Example of an air conditioner cooled with recycled water



A big waste of drinkable water

Did you know that an air conditioner can easily use several hundred litres of drinkable water* per day under normal operating conditions—and even several thousand litres if the automatic shut-off valve is defective?

More information on Bylaw RCG 13-011 may be found online, under Bylaws on water use in Montréal, when you click on English at ville.montreal.qc.ca//eaudemontreal
Any questions? Just phone 311.

* The water is used to cool the condenser of the air conditioning unit. It passes through the system just one single time and is then directly discharged into the sewer.

* The volume of water used depends on the power of the appliance, the temperature and the flow of water into the system.