

# HVAC GUIDE FOR BANK & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

As a bank or other financial institution owner in Long Island or the NY metro area, it's important to keep your facility cool and comfortable in the summer and warm in the winters. After all, employees are shown to be more productive when their workspace is a comfortable temperature. In order to achieve this, you need a local commercial HVAC company you can rely on – you need AFGO Mechanical.



## Types of HVAC Systems for Banks & Financial Institutions

### Packaged Rooftop Systems

Packaged rooftop systems could be a great option for your bank or financial institution. They're economical and adaptable to fit your space and your bank's needs. They come pre-engineered and they contain heating and cooling capabilities in one unit. This means you only need to worry about services for one unit instead of two.

### Water-Cooled Systems

If your bank is smaller and you have just a few employees, this could be a good cooling system for you. This is a good option for banks that are on the smaller side and don't have hundreds of employees. This option, however, may require you to install a cooling tower, so keep that in mind when deciding which system to use.

### Central HVAC Systems

If your bank or financial institution is much larger, then central HVAC is the way to go. This option is great if your office space is large and you have quite a few employees. You can control your central HVAC system by using different zones throughout your office, but this does require zoning to be set up initially.

## Regular Maintenance for Your Bank or Financial Institution's HVAC System

In order to keep your bank or financial institution comfortable for staff and patrons all year long, you need to invest in regular maintenance of your commercial HVAC system. When you use a licensed commercial HVAC professional for your maintenance service, your service should include:

- HVAC cleaning
- Corrections to minor issues
- Tune-ups to ensure maximum efficiency

It's best to get your system checked out before every summer and winter season to make sure it'll be up and running in time for the more extreme weather.

## Common HVAC Problems & Solutions for Banks and Financial Institutions

**Problem:** Hot air is blowing out of the vents in the summer.

**Solutions:** There are a few things you should check to solve this problem. If you've tried the following and your bank's AC is still blowing hot air, then call your

local NY metro area HVAC contractor.

- Check that the thermostat works.
- Replace the air filter, especially if it hasn't been changed in a while.
- If those fail, call a professional to clean the system and check for other potential issues with your unit.

### Problem: Poor Air Circulation

**Solution:** The first step is to check around the bank and make sure you don't have any desks, filing cabinets, paperwork, or other items blocking the air vents. If you do, move the item and wait a little while to see if circulation improves. If not, try changing the air filter. If your bank or financial institution is still experiencing poor circulation, then it's time to call in a local HVAC expert to assess the situation.

### Problem: Dysfunctional Thermostat

**Solution:** If your thermostat is being finicky or won't work, check the power source and change the batteries. Sometimes the fix is that simple! Sometimes, though, it requires a professional. If you've checked the power and replaced the batteries and your thermostat still won't work, then call your local commercial HVAC pro to assess the situation and determine whether or not the system needs to be replaced. Ideally, it'd live somewhere in your bank that does not receive a lot of direct sunlight.

## The Cost of Commercial HVAC for Your Bank or Financial Institution

When installing a commercial HVAC system for your bank or financial institution, there are a few factors to keep in mind. The first is to remember that this system is more complex and usually larger than residential systems, so they will cost more. Also keep in mind that your system can last up to 10-20 years after your initial investment – with proper maintenance, of course. A few other things will help to determine how much it'll cost to install a commercial HVAC system in your bank. Those include:

- The size of your building
- Your unique heating/cooling needs
- The complexity of your installation
- Whether you need ductwork installed/replaced
- The quality and efficiency of your new unit

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