

K&N Furnace Filter - How to Clean

To clean a K&N furnace air filter, remove it from the housing, spray it heavily with K&N HVAC filter cleaner, let it sit for a few minutes, and then rinse it with cool, low-pressure water from the clean side out. After rinsing until the water runs clear, gently shake off excess water, let it air dry completely, and then lightly re-apply the cleaner before reinstalling it according to the directional arrows.

Step 1: Remove the filter and pre-rinse

- Turn off the power to your furnace before starting.
- Remove the filter from its housing.
- Wet both sides of the filter with cool, low-pressure water.

Step 2: Apply cleaner and soak

- Generously spray K&N HVAC filter cleaner on the dirty side of the filter.
- Allow the cleaner to sit for 2 to 3 minutes to loosen the dirt. Note: Other cleaners can damage the filter or void the warranty

Step 3: Rinse the filter

- Rinse the filter with cool, low-pressure water.
- Rinse from the clean side (the side with the wire screen) out, pushing the dirt and cleaner out the dirty side.
- Do not use high-pressure water or a pressure washer, as this can cause damage.
- Continue rinsing until the water runs clear.

Step 4: Dry the filter

- Gently tap and shake the filter to remove excess water.
- Stand the filter on end and allow it to air dry naturally. It should not be reinstalled while wet.
- Drying can take several hours; it can be propped up in the sun for about two hours.

Step 5: Re-oil and reinstall

- Once the filter is completely dry, lightly spray the cleaner onto the side without the wire screen.
- Reinstall the filter in its housing, making sure the directional arrows on the frame are pointing in the correct direction.
- Turn the power back on to the furnace.