

Base personnel prepare for heating-cooling conversion

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NAVAL AIR FACILITY ATSUGI, Japan – As residents and personnel based at Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi greet the change to warm weather, members of the public works shops and maintenance crew will be gradually turning off the heating utilities and turning on the cooling utilities.

“It’s based on outside temperature ranges when we shut off the heat,” said Ensign William Fletcher, assistant public works officer at NAF Atsugi. “So we try to mitigate as much as possible so that when we do shut off heat and we turn on the cooling, we select the times so that people will be affected as little as possible”

According to Fletcher, the housing units that people live in, are in most often, and need to be most comfortable in are the last units to be turned off.

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“We initially start with industrial areas, and then we go to warehouses and office buildings,” said Fletcher. “It’s time to change seasons. Our utilities on base are set-up to provide both heating and cooling, but there’s a time we have to switch over from a heating to cooling status.”

The turn-off schedule for the heat is expected to be completed by April 27. Cooling system is expected to be turned on mid-May.