

HEATING PROBLEMS CONTINUE...

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I recently posted an entry about how the Warden refuses to spend any money to fix what I can only describe as an "antiquated heating system." Since then, the Maintenance Department has attempted to do what they could, but unfortunately, there's only so much they can do to fix a system without the funds or parts needed to keep it up and running. As of this moment, half of the buildings have their heat stuck on at maximum temperature and output, while the other half of the building is stuck without any heat whatsoever. Personally, I'd much rather be one of those without any heat. After all, you can always put more clothes on, but you can only take so many clothes off. Either way, the few brief cold snaps we had in this part of the country have come and gone, and the temperatures have been in the 90s for the past 2 days, and yet, somehow, some way, the heat is **still** turned on full blast in the cells that had heat, making the temperatures inside of the cells pass the 100° mark.

As if this wasn't bad enough, the prison has been enforcing a rule preventing the cells' occupants from blocking their vents in an attempt to prevent any excessive heat from coming out. Not only that, but we're not allowed to block the outside window in an attempt to prevent the heat from the sun from coming in, which is why the cells have become unbearably hot. Probably the worst part of it all though is the fact that the administration refuses to allow us to have any ice water, despite having signed an agreement from a previous lawsuit saying that they would anytime the temperatures hit 90°.

And in case you're wondering why this would be an issue, keep in mind that there are many guys in here who are taking medications that make them **extremely** sensitive to the heat, so sensitive in fact, that they're not even allowed outside when the outside temperatures reach 90°, but yet, they don't have any problem shoving them into a cell with temperatures over 100°.

Fortunately, I'm not one of the poor souls with their heat stuck on, especially when the temperature outside is so high, but just because it doesn't affect me doesn't make what's happening right.

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