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Free of medicine - almost

30-year-old Louise Rost has suffered from asthma and allergy for nearly 20 years. She has taken lots of medicine to feel tolerably well. Last year she installed an air treatment unit "Air-Tech" in her home in Strib and to her surprise, it works so well, that she has been almost free of medicine ever since.

Behind the villa, in the garden, the clean bed clothes merrily flickers in the wind on the clothes-line. The sun shines from a blue sky and a few meters from the villa you can see The Little Belt. Previously, Louise did not dare to dry clothes outdoor. Because if she did, the pollen, that inevitably would stick to the clothes, would make her feel very unwell.

- The clothes get a lovely fresh smell from the wind and weather when drying outdoor. I really enjoy this, and it is even better that I have been able to stay outdoor last spring and summer and this spring and summer without being terribly annoyed by pollen, Louise happily says.

- Previously, I have always been forced to stay inside; otherwise I would really suffer from nasal congestion. It has been hard to sit inside, when everybody enjoyed life in the sun. During my childhood I often stayed in a summer cottage together with my parents, however we were often forced to go home even before the vacation was over, because I got so ill.

During time, Louise has tried almost everything trying to feel better; zone therapy, acupuncture and homeopathy she rattles off. She felt the treatments did help, but not far enough.

The air treatment system Air-Tech was all she needed to control her asthma and allergies. Judging from its appearance the machine does not seem of much. Louise has placed the small metal box, which is of same size as a shoebox, in her and her husband's bedroom on the first floor. When she goes to bed in the evening she turns on the machine and the next morning she wakes up well and rested.

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- Before having the machine, I always woke up with nasal congestion and a very dry throat. I often went to sleep sitting with several pillows behind my back, otherwise I could not breathe. Now I can sleep on my back, which is very comfortable.

Louise's mother recommended her to try the Air-Tech Air air cleaning system. Her mother is working in a nursing home in Odense, which has bought a machine and is very pleased with it.

Louise was 10 years old when she got the diagnose asthma and allergy. She is allergic to many things – pollen, dogs, cats and other furred animals and a number of different provisions. Her home is allergy friendly, and her family which also include her children Laurits and Ane, have no pets.

Air-Tech Air Cleaner

After a thunderstorm the air is clean and fresh. This is due to the large amounts of photozone released during the electrical tensions that occur during a thunderstorm.

The Air-Tech air cleaner releases a surplus of ozone in the air. A special lamp emits UV-C light, which combines with the natural content of oxygen in the air and produces ozone. The method has been tested

by BST (The Occupational Health Service) and is harmless, because no harmful nitric oxides are liberated, which is the case when welding or photocopying. The ozone oxidizes the organic compounds in the air. This may be odorous compounds from waste, cigarettes, industrial processes etc. No harmful compounds to human beings, animals or plants are formed. The air treatment unit requires minimum maintenance and no cleaning. The light source has a rated lifetime of approximately 8000 hours, corresponding to almost one year of continuous operation.

The machine is easy to operate. You place the Air-Tech high up in the room you wish to treat. For example: on top of a cupboard. Plug in and the air cleaner is operating.

JIMCO A/S is receiver of the EU Environmental Award 1999-2000 for developing the technology on which the Air-Tech device is based.

The award is given to projects reducing the impact on environment. Additional information can be found on the website www.air-tech.dk or phone: +45 75 53 99 33.

Text below photo 1:

78-year-old Esther Christensen enjoys her cigarettes without creating major odour problems in her room, which is not only her living room but also her bedroom.

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Tobacco smoke eliminated

The social psychiatric centre “Marielund” in Kolding has installed 20 Air-Tech air cleaners within the last two years. 36 persons live in the centre, which is a county institution. Additional 17 persons are treated at the centre as outpatients. Some of the occupants smoke a lot – some up to 50-60 cigarettes a day – and some may be incontinent. These were all characteristic facts for the indoor climate, before the air cleaner became standard equipment in the institution. The devices are plugged in the wall outlets in the heavy smokers’ rooms and they are also installed in the common rooms where smoking is permitted.

- We bought the first compact cleaners two years ago. The indoor climate was very bad due to smoke nuisance and both occupants as well as members of the staff wanted to do something about these problems. The Occupational Health Services had made some tests, which clearly proved that the indoor climate was very bad. When buying the compact cleaners, we also introduced a smoking policy valid for the institution, now smoking is only permitted in some few common rooms, the superintendent Bjarne Nielsen tells.

- The various measures have been effective. Even at occupants who smoke more than 60 cigarettes a day, the smoke odour is not that significant anymore. Everybody feel that the indoor climate has improved significantly.
- The compact cleaners are surprisingly effective. To start with, we were a bit curious how the occupants would welcome the machines, which creak a little bit and send out small blue gleams when operating. Psychiatric patients are generally very sensitive against strange sounds and light. Some times, only small things make them feel insecure, but fortunately no one has felt disturbed by the compact cleaners, the superintendent tells.

Furthermore, he tells that the alternative to the Air-Tech air cleaner would have been the installation of exhausts in all apartments, a much more expensive solution to the indoor climate problems.

*Text below photo 2:
Superintendent Bjarne Nielsen has solved a major problem for occupants and staff.*

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