



HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

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YEAR:

JANUARY

- Declutter & dispose of items that no longer bring you joy or are no longer needed.
- Clean your range hood filter in boiling water & baking soda.
- Clean the cooling coils on your refrigerator to boost energy efficiency.

FEBRUARY

- Deep clean your bathrooms to remove any mildew or mold that has accumulated over the winter.
- Vacuum the mattress & box springs. Flip/rotate the mattress to extend its life.
- Have your sump pump cleaned & serviced.
- Clean the garbage disposal.

MARCH

- Have a professional inspect & pump the septic tank.
- Test carbon monoxide & smoke detectors.
- Clean air-conditioner filters.
- Power-wash windows & siding.
- Inspect roofing for damage.

APRIL

- Dust & vacuum vents & air ducts to improve indoor air quality.
- Clean out your dryer vent to prevent fire hazards.
- Clean & dispose of hazardous materials properly.
- Give your fridge & freezer a thorough cleaning.

MAY

- Check safety devices. Test smoke & carbon dioxide alarms & replace if needed.
- Inspect kitchen & bath fixtures. Check for leaks & recaulk or regROUT counters.
- Give potted plants some TLC. Give indoor plants some spring sun.
- Get ready for grilling season. Give the grill a good scrub.

JUNE

- Give your home a good dusting.
- Inspect & repair outdoor play equipment.
- Update the first-aid kit.
- Prune shrubs around AC unit.
- Remove mold & mildew on your home's exterior.

JULY

- Clean windows & inspect window screens.
- Check fences & repair or replace as needed.
- Check the trees in your yard.
- Inspect crawlspace under house.
- Inspect & drain water heater.
- Check the roof for any potential repairs.

AUGUST

- Remove & clean shower heads.
- Deep clean carpets.
- Check the washing machine - see if water hoses are in good condition.
- Clean & store summer gear.
- Get organized for back to school (& work).

SEPTEMBER

- Seal the windows.
- Sweep the chimneys.
- Service your yard equipment.
- Change the air filters every month.
- Service the heating & cooling system.

OCTOBER

- Clean gutters & downspouts.
- Shut off exterior faucets & store hoses for winter.
- Inspect all windows, doors & trim to make sure they seal properly.
- Check walkways, railings, stairs & driveway for winter safety hazards.

NOVEMBER

- Clean small appliances.
- Pest-proof your home to prevent critters from getting in.
- Keep a car safety kit, blankets, & gloves in case you get stuck in bad weather.
- Protect faucets from freezing: add a winter cover, turn off water supply, & drain exterior faucets.

DECEMBER

- Clean shower curtains.
- Perform some quick preventative furnace maintenance.
- Set up smart plugs to save money on holiday lights & prevent overuse of lights.
- Do a kitchen deep-clean to prepare for holiday cooking & baking.
- Check to see if you have enough home insulation for the cold weather.