



# 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.