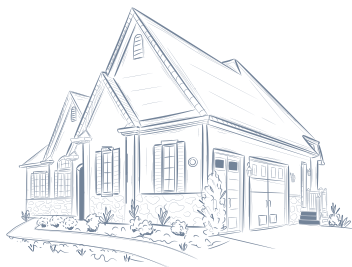


The Only Home Maintenance Checklist You'll Ever Need

Overwhelmed with all the home maintenance tasks
you should do to protect your biggest investment? **No worries!**
We created the only home maintenance checklist you'll ever need.
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Home Maintenance Checklist • **Index**



Note: In all cases, be sure to first follow the manufacturer's recommended instructions for maintaining your home's systems, components, and appliances.

Home Maintenance Checklist • Monthly

Yard and Exterior

- Check trees surrounding home for potential damage.
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Home Exterior

- Check gutters and downspouts. Clean as needed.
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Home Interior

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
 - Inspect fire extinguishers.
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Electrical

- Test Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI).
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Heating and Cooling

- Change HVAC filters.
- Inspect air vents for blockages and vacuum clean.

Plumbing

- Inspect drain traps for clogs and leaks.
 - Clean mineral deposits from faucets and showerheads.
 - Inspect water softener system.
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Appliance Maintenance

- Vacuum out dryer vent and clean with brush.
- Vacuum refrigerator coils.
- Clean kitchen drain and garbage disposal.
- Clean kitchen vent, hood, and filter.
- Clean oven and range.
- Clean dishwasher filter.
- Clean washing machine.

Home Maintenance Checklist • **Annually**

- Review homeowner's insurance policy and update as needed.

Home Exterior

- Have roof inspected.
- Wash exterior siding.
- Inspect and clean brick masonry.
- Wash windows and window screens.
- Lubricate windows and door hinges for ease of operation.

Heating and Cooling

- Inspect HVAC system and have it serviced.
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Plumbing

- Inspect toilet supply lines, valves, and parts.

Home Interior

- Clean carpets.

Home Maintenance Checklist • **3-5 Years**

Plumbing

- Have septic tank inspected.
- Have septic tank pumped by a septic system expert.

Appliance Maintenance

- Replace washing machine hoses.

Home Maintenance Checklist • Spring

Yard and Exterior

- Inspect fence around pool and/or yard and ensure it's intact.
 - Check for signs of pests around house.
 - Trim trees, bushes, and shrubs away from home.
 - Clean flower beds.
 - Clean up leaves.
 - Test sprinkler system.
 - Inspect outdoor play equipment.
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Home Exterior

- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Ensure downspouts drain at least 4 feet away from house.
- Inspect window wells, check drainage, and clear debris.
- Check that roof shingles are in good condition.
- Check weatherstripping on all doors/windows and repair as needed.
- Check and re-caulk around windows, doors, siding joints, and anywhere else needed.

Home Interior

- Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
 - Check operation of windows and doors.
 - Deep clean home.
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Plumbing

- Check drain and supply lines for leaks.
 - Check bath and kitchen fan operation.
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Appliance Maintenance

- Clean exhaust fan outlets and screens.
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Garage

- Lubricate garage door rollers and garage door track/opener.
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Attic

- Inspect attic ventilation and ductwork.

Home Maintenance Checklist • Summer

Yard and Exterior

- Inspect concrete driveways, landings, porches, and patios for cracks and repair as needed.
 - Inspect decking and repair as needed.
 - Clean grill.
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Home Exterior

- Look for peeling exterior paint/caulk and repair.
 - Re-nail loose siding and trim boards.
 - Check for rotting wood and repair as needed.
 - Check for foundation issues.
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Home Interior

- Test home security system.
 - Reverse ceiling fans counterclockwise.
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Electrical

- Check for damaged electrical cords.

Appliance Maintenance

- Deep clean dishwasher.
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Basement and Crawl Space

- Inspect for wet surfaces and/or puddles.
 - Check that sump pump and check valve are working.
 - Inspect basement floor drain.
 - Check for signs of pests.
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Garage

- Ensure proper operation of garage door safety shut-off.
- Check for signs of water damage.
- Check for signs of pests.

Yard and Exterior

- Shut down sprinkler system and drain outdoor faucets.
 - Store water hoses.
 - Insulate exposed pipes.
 - Cover and/or store outdoor furniture.
 - Inspect fence around pool and/or yard and ensure it's intact.
 - Check for signs of pests around house.
 - Prune bushes, trees, and shrubs.
 - Rake leaves.
 - Fertilize and re-seed lawn.
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Home Exterior

- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Ensure downspouts drain at least 4 feet away from house.
- Have chimney inspected and cleaned, and check damper for obstructions.
- Inspect window wells and check drainage around windows.
- Check that roof shingles are in good condition.
- Inspect attic vents.
- Check weatherstripping on all doors/windows and repair as needed.
- Ensure exhaust ducts are clean.

- Repair broken or cracked glass.
 - Check and re-caulk around windows, doors, siding joints, and anywhere else needed.
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Heating and Cooling

- Remove window air conditioners.
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Plumbing

- Flush water heater and inspect for leaks.
 - Check drains and supply lines for leaks.
 - Check bath and kitchen fan operation.
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Garage

- Ensure proper storage of fuel cans.
 - Lubricate garage door rollers and garage door track/opener.
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Attic

- Check for signs of pests.
- Check for signs of water damage.
- Ensure insulation is in place.

Home Maintenance Checklist • Winter

Home Interior

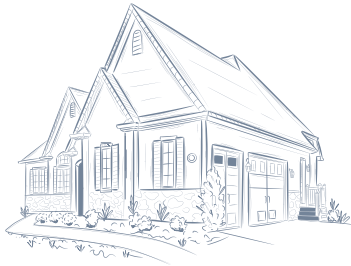
- Reverse ceiling fans clockwise.
- Repair interior wall damage and repaint as needed.
- Inspect shower/tub surrounds for signs of damage.
- Check and re-caulk tile in all bath and kitchen areas as needed.

Appliance Maintenance

- Inspect washing machine hoses and connections.
- Inspect dishwasher hoses for leaks.
- Inspect and clean refrigerator drip pan and icemaker connections.

Electrical

- Check for damaged electrical cords.
- Test Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI).



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