

Spring Maintenance Checklist

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Regular home maintenance is essential to ensure a safe and efficient home. It's a good idea to set aside some money in your budget each month for home maintenance and repair. As a rule of thumb, homeowners spend between **1% and 3% of their home's value on maintenance and repair each year**. Following this maintenance checklist on a regular basis can help your home look its best, keep utility bills down and prevent more costly repairs in the future.

Spring Home Maintenance

In spring, focus on freshening up your home and protecting your property against the season's strong winds and rains.

Outdoor Tasks:

- Clean gutters & downspouts.
- Inspect roof and chimney for cracks & damage.
- Touch up peeling or damaged paint.
- Wash all windows, inside & out.
- Install screens on windows & doors.
- Clean outdoor furniture & air out cushions.
- Service your lawn mower.
- Fertilize your lawn.

Indoor Tasks:

- Test smoke & carbon monoxide detectors when you set clocks forward.
- If your basement has a sump pump, test it by dumping a large bucket of water into the basin of the sump pump. This should activate the sump pump. If it does not switch on or if it's not pumping water, it may need to be serviced by a professional.
- Also, check for & remove any debris & make sure there are no leaks.
- Wash & change seasonal bedding.
- Dust blinds & vacuum curtains throughout.
- Clean kitchen & bathroom cabinets & throw away outdated food, medicine & cosmetics.
- Inspect attic fan to make sure there are no animal nests & test properly.
- Have air conditioner outside professionally inspected.
- Test whole home generator for proper function.
- Test panel circuit breakers.

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Summer Maintenance Checklist

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Summer Home Maintenance

In summer, complete the following projects to keep your yard lush and your home cool.

Outdoor Tasks:

- Walk around your home's exterior & slide open crawlspace vents at the foundation.
- Prune trees and shrubs.
- Remove lint from dryer exhaust vent with a long, flexible brush.
- Uncover central air conditioner & install window air conditioners.

Indoor Tasks:

- Change or clean heating, ventilating and air conditioning filters. Consult manufacturer instructions for your furnace to determine whether you need to change filters more frequently.
- Clean kitchen appliances inside & out, including refrigerator coils.
- Maintain clean drains by adding a half-cup of baking soda followed by a half-cup of white vinegar. After 10 minutes, flush with boiling water.
- Drain or flush water heater.
- Test all homes GFCI receptacles.
- Change any water filters for water quality

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Fall Home Maintenance

In fall, prepare your home and yard for cooler temperatures, falling leaves and more hours spent indoors.

Outdoor Tasks:

- Clean gutters & downspouts.
- Inspect roof and chimney for cracks & damage.
- Touch up peeling or damaged paint.
Wash all windows, inside & out.
- Install screens on windows & doors.
- Clean outdoor furniture & air out cushions.
- Service your lawn mower.
- Fertilize your lawn.
- Clean & store garden tools.

Indoor Tasks:

- Check grout/silicone in bathtubs/showers & seal if needed.
- Have furnace professionally inspected.
- Test sump pumps for proper operation (check battery backup).
- Change the air filter for your furnace.
- Inspect ducts and decide if duct cleaning is needed before major allergies hit.
- Check indicator lights on surge protectors.
- Test all homes GFCI receptacles.
- Change any water filters for water quality.
- Test whole home generator for proper function.
- Test panel circuit breakers.
- Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors - test batteries & replace if necessary.
- Clothes Dryer - Vacuum the lint from ducts & surrounding areas.
- Refrigerator - Vacuum condenser coils to increase energy efficiency.
- Flooring - Shampoo carpets & wax floors.
- Doors and Windows - Lubricate hinges & moving parts; polish metal hardware.
- Garage Door - Clean & lubricate hinges, rollers, & tracks.

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Winter Home Maintenance

In winter, enjoy energy-efficient warmth and the fruits of your home-maintenance labors. Use this time of the year to thoroughly clean and care for your home's interior while taking a few precautionary measures on the outside.

Outdoor Tasks:

- Walk around your home's exterior & close any crawl space vents located at the foundation.
- Move snow shovels & snow blowers to a convenient spot. Stock your ice melting compound to melt ice on walkways.
- Protect your central air conditioning unit with a cover, remove & store window air conditioners.

Indoor Tasks:

- Change or clean furnace filters. Consult manufacturer instructions for your furnace to determine how frequently the filters should be replaced.
- Clean kitchen appliances inside & out, including refrigerator coils.
- Maintain clean drains by adding BioClean product.
- Foundation - Check for moisture & cracks that are expanding inside & outside.
- Roof - Inspect for loose tiles or shingles for signs of leaks around vents, skylights, & chimneys.
- Paint - Touch up any interior or exterior paint that is cracking or peeling.
- Chimney - Clean out the chimney to remove buildup of flammable substances. Have a professional look at your chimney every year or every other year to prevent a fire hazard during the winter months.
- Water Heater - Drain the water heater until it is clear of sediment and refill with clean water.
- Heating and Cooling System - Change all filters.
- Get your furnace tuned up. If a heating and cooling specialist hasn't taken a look at your furnace in the last year it's time to give them a call.
- Exhaust Fans - Clean grill and fan blades.
- Garbage Disposal - Flush with hot water & baking soda.
- Fire Extinguishers - Check to see if they are fully charged and recharge or replace if necessary.
- Gutters - Clean out gutters & downspouts to remove leaves & other blockages.

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