

Home Maintenance: The Complete Checklist

Monthly

- Test smoke detectors
- Deep cleaning
- Inspect fire extinguishers
- Clean garbage disposal
- Unclog drains
- Clean the range hood and filter
- Replace HVAC filters (every 3 months)

Spring

- Wash outside windows and siding
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Pump the septic tank (if you have one)
- Inspect roof and chimney for any damage or leaks
- Service air conditioning system
- Apply pre-emergent to lawn
- Re-seal the deck, fence, and other outdoor woodwork
- Inspect driveway and other exterior concrete pathways
- Inspect your sprinkler heads, test the irrigation system

Summer

- Spray for mosquitos and other bugs
- Repair damaged screen doors and windows
- Sharpen lawnmower blades
- Clean the grill and refill propane tank
- Mulch garden beds
- Exterior paint touch-ups
- Inspect and clean dryer vent
- Clean refrigerator coils
- Clean bathroom vent fans
- Test your home alarm
- Sanitize trash and recycle bin
- Fertilize the lawn

Fall

- Service heating system
- Schedule a chimney sweep
- Put outdoor furniture and grill into storage
- Seal cracks on windows and doors
- Turn off outdoor water

Winter

- Winterize sprinkler system
- Rake leaves
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Overseed and aerate the lawn
- Ensure pipes are well insulated
- Check attic vents
- Prepare for a storm (water, non-perishables, batteries, flashlights etc.)
- Protect entryways (mats, weather stripping)
- Check insulation and add to areas that need more
- Protect your AC unit with a piece of plywood
- Insulate hot water tank
- Purchase a humidifier
- Secure steps and handrails
- Install storm windows and doors
- Remove window screens
- Set heat to 55 or higher