

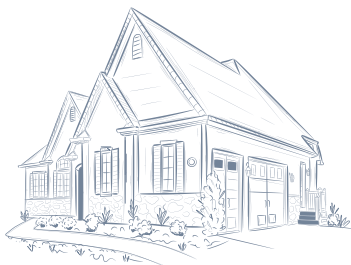


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# The Only Home Maintenance Checklist You'll Ever Need

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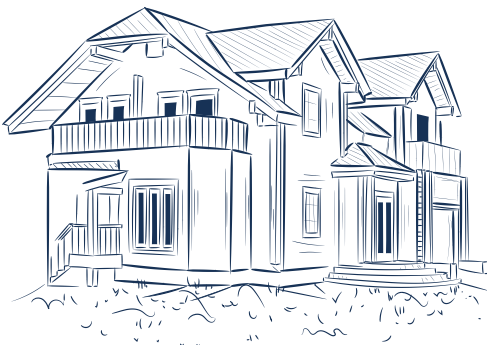
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Note: In all cases, be sure to first follow the manufacturer's recommended instructions for maintaining your home's systems, components, and appliances.

# Home Maintenance Checklist • Monthly

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## 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**

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- ☐ 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.
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## 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**

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## Plumbing

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

## Appliance Maintenance

- ☐ Replace washing machine hoses.

# Home Maintenance Checklist • Spring

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## 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

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## 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.

# Home Maintenance Checklist • Fall

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## 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

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## 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

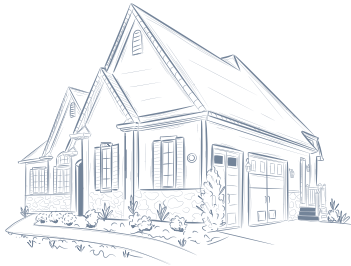
- ☐ Inspect washing machine hoses and connections.
- ☐ Inspect dishwasher hoses for leaks.
- ☐ Inspect and clean refrigerator drip pan and icemaker connections.

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## Electrical

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