

HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Spring Fall

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CRAWL SPACE or BASEMENT		
Look for signs of mold or water and if found, eliminate the source	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Examine for insect and rodent activity and seal as needed to keep out rodents, and treat for insect infestations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXTERIOR		
Inspect the brickwork and repair bricks and mortar as needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Check the siding and trim for loose pieces or chipped and peeling paint. Repaint and repair as needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Replace decaying or damaged trim around windows and doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inspect around the exterior of the house and all wood framing for the presence of termites and treat if needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

WINDOWS & WALLS		
Check weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors. Replace or repair as needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repair cracked or broken windows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install screens on windows and doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Replace screens with storm windows and doors		<input type="checkbox"/>
Inspect the interior walls and floors for termites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ROOF		
Clean gutters and downspouts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inspect downspouts and gutters to make sure they are securely fastened to the house and direct water away from the foundation		<input type="checkbox"/>
Check flashing to make sure it is fastened securely and repair as needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Replace loose or missing roof shingles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check the attic for signs of leaks and repair as needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Add additional insulation to the attic to lower heating and cooling bills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inspect chimney for signs of damage and repair as needed		<input type="checkbox"/>
Trim branches off trees that overhang the house		<input type="checkbox"/>

APPLIANCES		
Dust or vacuum refrigerator and freezer coils	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Check seals on refrigerator and freezer doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Thoroughly clean dryer vent		<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove and clean the vent on the range hood		<input type="checkbox"/>

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PLUMBING		
Repair leaky faucets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check garden hoses and repair leaks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drain and store garden hoses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Test water supply to ensure a safe supply of drinking water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inspect septic tank and pump if needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drain hot water heater, remove any sediment in the bottom of the tank	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insulate water heater if not already insulated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ELECTRICAL		
Inspect outdoor receptacles to make sure they are in safe working condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check circuit breaker or fuse box and label switches if needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEATING & COOLING SYSTEMS		
Dust off ceiling fan blades and run the fan counterclockwise in the summer and clockwise in the winter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Replace air filters in spring, fall, summer and winter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hire a professional to inspect the heating and cooling systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cover or remove window air-conditioning units and seal openings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inspect ductwork and vents and clean if needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check fireplace damper and clean chimney if needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SAFETY		
Change batteries in the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review your home evacuation plan and make sure escape ladders are available and working and everyone in the household knows what to do in the event of a fire, tornado, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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