



Home Maintenance List By Season

Keeping up with maintenance helps to prevent un-expected repairs. It also helps to keep your home operating efficiently and safely.

Spring

Inspect roofing for missing, loose, or damaged shingles and leaks.

Clean window and door screens.

Refinish the deck.

Check the fireplace for damage or hazards and clean fireplace flues.

Clean gutters and downspout.

Power-wash windows and siding.
Remove leaves and debris from lawn and garden beds.
Check sprinkler and irrigation systems.

Summer

- Apply oil to your garage door chain, garage door, and door hinges.
- Organize and clean your garage to free up space and remove dust or mold build-up.
 - Inspect plumbing for leaks, clean aerators on faucets.
 - Check and clean dryer vent, other exhaust vents to exterior of home.
- Clean garbage disposal by grinding ice cubes, then flushing with hot water and baking soda.
 - Change the air-conditioner filter.
 - Check grout in bathrooms, kitchen, etc.; repair as needed.

Fall

- Rake leaves and aerate the lawn.
- Have the forced-air heating system inspected by a professional.
- Seal cracks and gaps in windows and doors with caulk or weather stripping; replace if necessary.
 - Check water heater for leaks and pressure issues; flush out sediment.
 - Test smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and all ground-fault circuit interrupters.
 - Inspect electrical cords for wear.
 - Vacuum heat registers and heat vents.

Winter

- Cover your air-conditioning unit.
- Check basement for leaks during thaws.
 - Vacuum bathroom exhaust fan grill.
- Vacuum refrigerator and freezer coils and empty and clean drip trays.
 - Clean drains in sinks, tubs, showers, and dishwashers.
- Inspect roof, gutters, and downspouts after snow storms for ice dams or icicles.
- Check for drafts around windows and doors; add weather stripping or caulking if needed.