

## **Annual Home Maintenance Checklist**

Along with your routine monthly and seasonal maintenance, focus on the items listed below on an annual basis to help keep your home in excellent condition.

- **Clean out your dryer exhaust**  
Your dryer exhaust may be filled with lint, debris, and dust. It's essential to clean this out at least once a year to avoid any potential fires. If you are not comfortable cleaning the exhaust yourself, call a service to come and help you!
- **Check for infestations**  
Briefly walk around the inside and outside of the home to check for any noticeable infestations. You may look for large gatherings of insects or holes dug by rodents around the perimeter of the home.
- **Clean out the heating/AC ducts**  
Have a heating and cooling specialist come clean out the ducts in your home.
- **Check the driveway for any cracks**  
Cracks typically occur from shifts in the foundation (expanding in the summer and contracting in the winter) or moisture below the surface. Cracks are common in asphalt driveways and will occur over time. Every year, inspect your driveway condition and determine if you need to get it refilled or resealed.
- **Inspect the paint on the exterior of the home**  
Walk around the exterior of your home to inspect the paint for any major chips, cracks, or peels. It is best to fix those damages before it gets worse since the paint is protecting the other layers of the home's exterior.