

Seasonal Home Maintenance Checklist

Fall Maintenance Checklist

Fall is an excellent season for home maintenance as the weather is generally milder, and there are fewer chances for storms or snow.

- **Insulate any exposed pipes**
Prepare your pipes for the upcoming winter to avoid any pipes freezing and exploding.
- **Schedule a furnace inspection**
Request an inspection to make sure everything is working in proper condition to prepare for the upcoming colder months.
- **Have the chimney inspected and cleaned**
Make sure the chimney is free of any cracks or damage and is cleaned out so you can enjoy fires in your fireplace in the Winter!
- **Turn off your outdoor water supply and store away hoses**
By now, you will most likely not need to use your outdoor hose or water spouts. You may turn off the outdoor water supply to conserve water and energy.
- **Clean the leaves in your yard as needed**
If you don't have a landscaper come to your home, you will need to rake the leaves in your yard and leave them in piles by your curb.
- **Cover any outdoor patio furniture you may have**
Cover and protect your outdoor furniture to avoid any damage from snow or ice. This will help ensure your outdoor furniture lasts a lot longer!
- **Empty your gas-powered yard equipment of fuel to avoid any damage**
At the end of the Fall season, make sure you empty the fuel from any yard equipment you may have, such as a lawnmower or leaf blower. If you won't be using the equipment for a few months, it is best to have it sitting dormant with no fuel to avoid potential fires.

Winter Maintenance Checklist

If you live in an area with lots of ice and snow, winter may be very harsh on your home. Here is a list of items you should focus on to make sure your home stands up to the cold, snowy months:

- **Check the water heater for any leaks**
It is recommended to do this right before the winter season begins to ensure everything is working correctly. You don't want to run into a problem in January and be without hot water for a few days!

- **Seal any cracks in your windows and doors**
This is another item you may want to do a few days before the winter season begins. If you have cracks in your windows and doors, it may cost more to heat your home and maybe harder to keep the heat inside.

For those who live in frigid climates, it is common to install plastic window covers to help insulate the inside of their home.

- **Clean your kitchen exhaust hood**
Typically, the stove gets more use during the winter months, especially during the holiday season. Clean out the exhaust hood with a damp towel to remove lingering food particles, grease, and grime.
- **Check your basement for leaks**
It is best to do this when the snow starts thawing. You will want to look for any standing water, moisture on the walls or ceilings, or watermarks.

Spring Maintenance Checklist

It's spring cleaning time! It is common for homeowners to do a deep clean of their home in the spring. Don't only focus on the inside of your home, because the outside condition is necessary too! Here is a suggested list of items to focus on for your spring home maintenance checklist:

- **Inspect the caulking in the bathroom and kitchen**
Inspect the areas for any deterioration and fill in the cracks or gaps with new caulking if necessary.
- **Schedule an air conditioner inspection**
Have an expert inspect the condition of your air conditioning system to prepare your home for the warmer, upcoming months!
- **Power wash the outside of the windows**
After the winter months, your windows may have streaks of snow, ice, and salt. Try cleaning the outside of the windows when Spring starts to make them look brand new!
- **Repair or replace damaged window screens**
Check your window screens for any rips or tears. Replace the damaged screens so you can open the windows and doors during the warmer months and avoid letting bugs inside!
- **Inspect your roof for damage**
If you can safely get on your roof, check for any damage that may have occurred from the rain, debris, ice, and snow.
- **Clean your gutters**
It typically rains the most in the Springtime, so make sure you clean out your gutters to get them ready for the new season!

Summer Maintenance Checklist

In the summer, home maintenance is not the most desirable thing to focus on or worry about. But, here is a quick list of items to focus on as you head into the warmer months:

- **Inspect your basement for any moisture**
After the snowy winter and rainy spring, it is a smart idea to check your basement for any standing water, leaks, or moisture.
- **Inspect your home for pests**
As you approach the warmer months, you may notice more bugs and insects around your home. Check the inside of your home around any doors or windows for ants, termites, wood bees, or other pests.
- **Clean your kitchen exhaust hood**
Remove any grease, grime, and food particles. It is best to clean this a couple of times a year.
- **Prune trees and shrubs**
Whether you do the landscaping yourself or have a landscaping company come to your home, make sure the trees and shrubs are ready for the summer sun!
- **Add mulch and fresh dirt to plants and flowers**
Prep your garden and make sure it is in its best condition to bloom and grow! Remember to water your plants as needed if it is a hot summer.

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