

Home Maintenance Checklist

Maintenance Tips:	Monthl	y Activit	y				
Test GFCI Outlets and Circuit Breakers	Jan July	Feb Aug	Mar □ Sep □	Apr Oct	May Nov	June Dec	
	 Test by triggering the test button on the breakers. Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) can be found on the kitchen or bathroom electrical outlets or in the main circuit breaker box 						
Test Smoke Alarms	Jan □ July □	Feb □ Aug □	Mar □ Sep □	Apr □ Oct □	May □ Nov □	June □ Dec □	
	Press buttons on smoke alarms to insure proper function						
Inspect Hot Water Heater	Jan □ July □	Feb □ Aug □	Mar □ Sep □	Apr □ Oct □	May □ Nov □	June □ Dec □	
	 Check for rust stains or water on, around or under hot water heater. This can indicate a leaking valve that requires replacement by a plumber. Refer to water heater exterior for maintenance instructions 						
Check Frost Free Refrigerator Drain Pipe	Jan □ July □	Feb □ Aug □	Mar □ Sep □	Apr □ Oct □	May □ Nov □	June □ Dec □	
	 Remove tray from the bottom of the refrigerator that collects the condensation. Empty and wash in soap and water. It is a good idea to watch the water level in the tray; it normally evaporates as quickly as it accumulates. A tray that fills with water might indicate the refrigerator needs adjustment 						
	Jan □ July □	Feb □ Aug □	Mar □ Sep □	Apr □ Oct □	May □ Nov □	June □ Dec □	
Inspect Dishwasher for Leaks	 Remove the access panel at the bottom front of the dishwasher and check for any water. Any sign of water signals a problem that requires repair by a plumber. 						
Clean Kitchen Exhaust Filters	Jan □ July □	Feb □ Aug □	Mar □ Sep □	Apr □ Oct □	May □ Nov □	June □ Dec □	
	 Remove the filters from the exhaust fans and clean with soap and water or in the dishwasher. Filters can accumulate grease, decreasing their efficiency. **Grease in a range hood can accelerate a kitchen fire 						
Check Heating System Air Filters	Jan □ July □	Feb □ Aug □	Mar □ Sep □	Apr □ Oct □	May □ Nov □	June □ Dec □	
	 Inspect the air filter for accumulated dust and dirt that make the heating unit work harder. Replace or clean the filter as needed Refer to Your Furnace Manual 						

Maintenance Tips:	Monthl	y Activity	/ (Continu	ed)		
Check Sinks and Drains	Jan July	Feb □ Aug □	Mar □ Sep □	Apr Oct	May □ Nov □	June □ Dec □
	 Clean slow drains by plunging or with a plumber's snake Pour water down unused drains, such as basement and sump drains. This will maintain a level of water in the trap and stop sewer gases from entering the house. Inspect under all sinks for water or corrosion at the shut-off valves. Slow leaks can create mold and wood rot. 					
Check Heat Registers	Jan □ July □	Feb □ Aug □	Mar □ Sep	Apr □ Oct □	May □ Nov □	June □ Dec □
	Look for debris and dust in heat run clean out with vacuum on a regular basis.					
Check Interior Mechanical Ventilation Systems			Mar □ Sep □ re that bathroder. Repair if ne		May □ Nov □ nd utility roon	June Dec n fans are in
Maintenance Tips:	Season	nal Activi	ty Fall			
Rake Leaves and Debris Away from House and Check the Foundation	 Prevent Moisture and insects from direct contact with wood, which can cause decay and damage. Note any cracks in the foundation or masonry. These are normal, but changes in the size of the cracks might indicate a more extensive problem Check the soil around foundation to insure it slopes away to allow for proper drainage and fill in any settled areas to avoid holding water at foundation area See Exterior Maintenance Manual 					
Check Roof Penetrations for Leaks	Spring Fall Check around any items that penetrate the roof (chimney, vent pipes, or sky lights) for loose or broken shingles Check the interior ceiling and around roof penetrations for water stains that indicate leaks. Make repairs to stop leaks and prevent possible dry rot and structural damage See Exterior Maintenance Manual					
Inspect the Furnace	Test for smallExamineSeek paththese	ny odd soun or proper dra piece of tiss ne flue for le orofessional unusual sigr	Fall and or smell and or smell and the furnative paper clos and and maintenance and are presented and and and and and and and and and an	e to exhaust damage for the furnac t	to insure outv	vard air flow)

Maintenance Tips	Seasonal Activity (Continued)				
Clean out Gutters	Spring Fall • Remove debris from gutters and clean the screens that lead to the downspouts. Accumulation can lead to overflow and decay • Check the joints in the gutters for cracks and repair as needed See Exterior Maintenance Manual				
Inspect Weather Stripping	Spring ☐ Fall ☐ • Check the weather stripping around doors and windows for proper seal. Replace any stripping that is hard or broken or that fails to seal				
Drain and Close Exterior Faucets in the Fall. Open them in the Spring	Spring ☐ Fall ☐ • Remove hoses from exterior faucets before cold weather to prevent freezing and damage to the pipes. Cover exposed spigots with weatherproof enclosure				
Clean Mildewed Areas of the House Exterior	Spring Fall Remove dirt and mildew from exterior surfaces. Mildew can deteriorate paint and wood leading to rot. See Exterior Maintenance Manual				
Check & Repair caulk Around Exterior Surfaces	Spring ☐ Fall ☐ • Check around windows and doors to make sure the caulking seals are secure. Remove and replace loose caulking. • See Exterior Maintenance Manual				
Check & Repair Caulk and Mortar at Masonry Surfaces	Spring				
Inspect Exterior Paint	Spring ☐ Fall ☐ • Check for peeling, flaking paint at siding and trim. Properly repair surface and repaint these areas • See Exterior Maintenance Manual				
Check Landscape Irrigation System	 Spring				

Maintenance Tips:	Annual Activity
Clean and Seal Tile Grout in the Bathrooms	Clean the grout between bathroom tiles and seal to maintain waterproofing. Silicone sealing is available that can be applied annually
Inspect Plumbing and Shutoff Valves	Check the shutoff valves for leaks or corrosion. The valves can be turned a quarter to a half turn (to prevent from sticking)
Inspect Toilets for Rocking	Check toilets for rocking indicating a loose seal. Flange bolts at the sides of the toilet can be gently tightened to improve the seal
Exercise Circuit Breakers	Exercise (open and close) circuit breakers to prevent sticking
Vacuum Smoke Alarms	 Vacuum dust from smoke alarms to insure proper operation Replace batteries on all alarms that are battery powered
Vacuum Heating Registers, and Vents	Vacuum heating vents and registers to eliminate dust and improve air flow