

Seasonal Home Maintenance Checklist

As the saying goes, there is always something to fix around the house. The trick is knowing what to fix and when. By following this seasonal home maintenance schedule you can “fix” the problems before they turn into costly repairs. Word of warning, know your limitations and skill set and leave certain tasks (such as electrical) to the professionals.



A few things should be addressed every season. These include:

- Test your GFI outlets. If no longer working, hire a professional to replace or repair.
- Check Smoke and CO2 Detectors. Make sure to change the batteries as well.
- Replace furnace and air conditioner filters as needed
- Vacuum refrigerator coils & clean dryer vent
- Clear area around all vents to ensure proper air circulation in home
- Clean kitchen exhaust hood and filter
- Test Fire Extinguishers



- Check roof and attic for leaks
- Check foundation for cracks & repair
- Uncover AC unit, have inspected
- When weather is consistently above freezing, turn outside faucets on
- Replace storm windows with screens
- Check and repair kitchen, bathroom, and window caulking
- Clear all litter from eavestroughs
- Check window screens, repair or replace if needed

- Ensure grading is away from house
- Monitor basement humidity (below 60)
- Ensure windows open and shut smoothly
- Lubricate garage door & automatic opener motor
- Tighten any handrails
- Have fireplace professionally cleaned
- Look for any signs of termites, ants, bees, and other pests
- Repaint and window frames/doors as needed.
- Check fences, sheds, garages, etc, for repair

- Clean air ducts and furnace filters
- Replace screens with storm windows
- Cover AC unit
- Turn off exterior faucets from inside
- Winterize landscape (Covering young trees, put away furniture, etc)
- Seal any areas pests may enter your home
- Check sump pump
- Prune trees and shrubs away from house. Remove any dead limbs from trees.
- Replace weather stripping if needed

- Check roof for ice dams or icicles.
- Check attic for frost
- Watch windows for frost, ice build up, or cold air leaking in. Make note to repair in spring
- Keep snow away from exterior vents, windows, or doors.
- Monitor basement for moisture
- Check sinks and toilets for leaks
- Inspect all hoses for leaks on such things as the washing machine or dishwasher

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