

Home Maintenance Checklist

Fall/Winter

- Have your gutters and downspouts cleaned out.
- Inspect the roof for damage or loose shingles.
- Inspect the driveway and walkways for cracks and settling.
- Check all weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors, especially if you have air-conditioning.
- Check outside of house for cracked or peeling paint; caulk and repaint as necessary.
- Remove, clean, and store storm windows (if removable).
- Check all door and window screens; patch or replace as needed; put screens up (if removable).
- Inspect the attic, ceilings, and roof overhang for water damage.
- Have your heating and air conditioning systems serviced.
- Inspect your basement for leaks, moisture, termites, and wood rot.
- Check seals on refrigerator and freezer; clean refrigerator coils; clean burner surfaces; adjust burners.
- Check and clean dryer vent, stove hood, and room fans; change or clean filters on furnace.
- Clean fireplace.
- Check basement wall and floors for dampness; if moist, remedy as appropriate.
- Clean dehumidifier according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Check for leaky faucets; replace washers as necessary.
- Check attic for proper ventilation; open vents.
- Clean drapes and blinds; repair as needed.
- Replace the filters in your heating and air conditioning systems.
- Change the batteries on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

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- Remove window air conditioners.
- Have your gutters and downspouts cleaned out.
- Plug leaks along the seams and corners of your gutters.
- Inspect and repair your home's sump pump.
- Inspect around your property for wasp nests and remove.
- Check all weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors; replace or repair as needed.
- Check for cracks and holes in house siding; fill with caulking as necessary.
- Take down screens (if removable type); clean and store.
- Check storm windows and doors; clean and repair as needed; put back up (if removable type).
- Drain outside faucets.
- Check roof for leaks; repair as necessary.
- Check chimney for damaged chimney caps and loose or missing mortar; make sure damper closes tightly.
- Check insulation wherever possible; replace or add as necessary.
- Check and clean humidifier in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Clean fireplace.
- Have your heating and air conditioning systems serviced.
- Inspect for and repair any plumbing leaks.
- Oil door locks and hinges and tighten doorknob and hinge screws.
- Inspect the attic for pests (birds, rodents and insects).
- Change the batteries on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.