

A SEASONAL SCHEDULE FOR Home Maintenance

Just like your car, your home needs a regular tune-up to keep it running at its best. Use this checklist to organize your chores so you can minimize stress and enjoy what each season brings.



SPRING

- ◆ Check the attic and basement for cracks that could have allowed water to seep in. (This is especially important after a rainy winter.)
- ◆ Remove furniture, and deep clean carpets and floors.
- ◆ Clean ceiling fans, and give all rooms a thorough dusting.
- ◆ Look for overgrown tree roots that could damage foundations, driveways, and walkways.
- ◆ Have HVAC systems serviced.
- ◆ Check outdoor vents for debris.
- ◆ Clear gutters and downspouts.



SUMMER

- * Repair cracks in sidewalks, driveways, or steps.
- * Trim tree branches and shrubs.
- * Prepare rain storage system to water the lawn in dry months.
- * Power wash siding, deck, driveway, and windows.
- * Repair deck, and re-stain.
- * Replace any loose or damaged shingles.
- * Change air filters in HVAC system.
- * Test smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers.



FALL

- ✂ Check dryer hoses, and change out filters and lint traps.
- ✂ Flush your hot water heater.
- ✂ Have chimney inspected and cleaned.
- ✂ Check for cracks around external doors and windows, and repair where necessary.
- ✂ Check outdoor vents for debris.
- ✂ Have HVAC systems serviced.
- ✂ Store patio or lawn furniture, and organize garage or storage sheds.



WINTER

- * Caulk sink, toilet, and bathtub and reseal tile grout.
- * Wipe down baseboards and doors, and touch up peeling paint where necessary.
- * Clean windows, and wipe down windowsills.
- * Organize closets and drawers, and donate used or unwanted items.
- * Change air filters in HVAC system.
- * Test smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers.
- * Activate sump pump by dumping a bucket of water in the basin.