

Home Preventative Maintenance Checklist



Monthly

- Clean garbage disposal with vinegar ice cubes
- Check Fire Extinguisher
- Test CO2/Smoke Detectors by pressing button and letting it sound.

Quarterly

- Change filters in furnace/HVAC system (if you have bad dust/dander allergies, consider changing monthly)
- Check water softener (if applicable)
- Unclog drains
- Vacuum all heating vents (or electric heating baseboards).

Spring



- Pick up: Rake up leaves that survived the winter.
- Clean/replace air conditioner filter
- Clean/inspect fireplace and chimney (if applicable)
- Examine exterior steps on property
- Inspect home foundation for cracks or damage after winter.
- Lay down mulch on garden and flower beds and trees.
- Turn on water to outdoor valves
- Trees: Hire a specialist to come inspect trees on property to verify tree's health.
- Lawns: Reseed lawn and plant perennials. Fertilize lawn in late spring.
- Check Gutters*: Leaves, gunk, and the weight of snow and ice damage and clog gutters.
- Check any drainage around the property
- Roof Inspection: Winter can be harsh on a roof. Inspect it for any visible damage. Do not go on the roof. Hire a qualified contractor.

Summer



- Check health grout throughout tiled areas in house.
- If living in a humid area, install dehumidifier in basement to avoid moisture/mold damage
- Inspect house for signs of insects and pests
- Clean windows, window wells, and sills
- Lubricate door hinges
- Clean patio
- Wash home exterior
- Inspect plumbing (sinks, toilets, pipes, etc.) for leaks
- Check and clean dryer vents and exhaust line. Remove lint buildup.
- Check driveway for cracks. Repair before winter.

