

Yearly home maintenance calendar

Every month: Check the HVAC air filter; change it if dirty · Test smoke alarms · Test carbon monoxide alarms · Test GFCI outlets · Check the fire extinguisher gauge is in the green · Clean the dishwasher filter · Clean the range hood grease filter · Check water softener salt · Wash the vacuum filter · Clean the window AC filter (cooling season) · Replace the kitchen sponge (weekly) · Wash bed sheets (weekly) · Clean the dryer lint screen (every load)

January WINTER SAFETY CHECK

- ☐ Test for radon if it's been 2 years
- ☐ Check manufacture dates on smoke and CO alarms
- ☐ Check the date on each fire extinguisher
- ☐ Replace portable humidifier wicks
- ☐ Scrub portable humidifier tanks
- ☐ Rotate the mattress
- ☐ Wash bed pillows

February WATER HEATER AND FILTERS

- ☐ Flush the tank water heater
- ☐ Check the water heater anode rod
- ☐ Test the water heater relief (T&P) valve
- ☐ Replace the fridge water filter
- ☐ Replace the fridge air filter
- ☐ Replace the shower filter

March SPRING FORWARD

- ☐ Change smoke and CO alarm batteries when clocks change
- ☐ Replace toothbrushes
- ☐ Replace the air purifier pre-filter
- ☐ Inspect tub, shower and sink caulk
- ☐ Clean bathroom exhaust fan grilles
- ☐ Check washing machine hoses for bulges or cracks

April COOLING AND ROOF PREP

- ☐ Schedule the AC or heat pump tune-up
- ☐ Clean gutters and downspouts
- ☐ Look over the roof, flashing and soffits
- ☐ Check garden hoses and outdoor faucets for leaks
- ☐ Dust ceiling fan blades and set them for summer
- ☐ Test the garage door safety reverse

May LAUNDRY, FRIDGE AND YARD

- ☐ Clean the dryer vent duct
- ☐ Clean refrigerator condenser coils
- ☐ Clean the garbage disposal
- ☐ Clean the window AC filter before first use
- ☐ Clean the dehumidifier coils and filter
- ☐ Have the lawn mower serviced

June EARLY SUMMER UPKEEP

- ☐ Replace toothbrushes
- ☐ Replace the air purifier pre-filter
- ☐ Replace the range hood charcoal filter
- ☐ Check siding, trim and foundation for cracks
- ☐ Inspect the deck and fence for rot
- ☐ Check that the sump pump and floor drains work

July MIDYEAR REFRESH

- ☐ Rotate the mattress
- ☐ Wash bed pillows
- ☐ Check the attic for leaks and blocked vents
- ☐ Clean basement window wells
- ☐ Check the water softener and clean the resin bed

August WATER FILTERS AND PLUMBING

- ☐ Replace the fridge water filter
- ☐ Replace the fridge air filter
- ☐ Replace the shower filter
- ☐ Check toilets and faucets for leaks
- ☐ Look over the water heater for leaks or rust
- ☐ Check the septic system schedule

September HEATING PREP

- ☐ Schedule the furnace or boiler tune-up
- ☐ Book the chimney and vent inspection
- ☐ Replace the whole-house humidifier water panel
- ☐ Replace toothbrushes
- ☐ Replace the air purifier pre-filter
- ☐ Dust ceiling fans and reverse them for winter

October SEAL AND CHECK

- ☐ Clean the dryer vent duct
- ☐ Check caulk and weatherstripping on windows and doors
- ☐ Inspect tub, shower and sink caulk
- ☐ Clean the garbage disposal
- ☐ Test the garage door safety reverse
- ☐ Review the family fire escape plan
- ☐ Check washing machine hoses for bulges or cracks

November FALL

BACK AND FREEZE PREP

- ☐ Change smoke and CO alarm batteries when clocks change
- ☐ Clean gutters after the leaves fall
- ☐ Disconnect hoses and drain outdoor faucets
- ☐ Remove or cover the window AC
- ☐ Empty and clean gas cans; store garden tools
- ☐ Clean the dehumidifier and replace its filter

December INDOOR HEATING SAFETY

- ☐ Replace toothbrushes
- ☐ Replace the air purifier pre-filter
- ☐ Replace the range hood charcoal filter
- ☐ Keep anything that burns 3 feet from heaters
- ☐ Check portable humidifier wicks
- ☐ Check cords and plugs for fraying

Sources for every task: tagwellhome.com/yearly-home-maintenance-calendar/. General guidance only: follow your manufacturer's instructions and call a licensed professional for gas, electrical, roofing and chimney work.