

HOME HEALTH Checklist

Being a homeowner is a great achievement for anyone, but it also comes with many responsibilities. Without the proper care and maintenance, small problems can quickly become costly issues. Be sure to follow this home maintenance checklist to ensure your home is in its best condition inside and out, so you can enjoy your space for years to come!

YARD AND BACKYARD



- Aerate the lawn
- Trim shrubs and trees twice a year
- Fertilize lawn once a year in the spring
- Drain and winterize exterior hoses and in-ground sprinklers in the Fall to prepare for winter
- Wrap insulation around outdoor faucets and pipes in unheated garages in cold months

HVAC SYSTEM



- Change your AC filter once a month
- Clean furnace filter
- Vacuum heat registers and vents
- Make sure indoor and outdoor air vents are unblocked
- Schedule a professional inspection twice a year

EXTERIOR OF HOME



- Remove any built-up debris and leaves from the gutters
- Touch up trim and siding with paint
- Power-wash windows and siding
- Inspect the roof for missing, loose, or damaged shingles or leaks
- Seal any cracks or gaps in windows and doors with caulk or weatherstripping

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT



- Test outlets
- Inspect electrical cords for wear
- Check smoke and CO alarms and replace the batteries once a year
- Check the home monitoring system to ensure it's working properly
- Check SD cards for security cameras

INTERIOR OF HOME



- Deep clean carpets and wash rugs
- Dust ceiling fans, shelves, and hard-to-reach places
- Scrub or reseal grout
- Touch up any scuffs, scratches, or holes in the walls
- Check for any signs of water damage or pests

ATTIC/BASEMENT/CRAWLSPACE



- Check for rodents, bats, roaches, and termites and set any necessary traps
- Check insulation around any windows, doors, floorboards, and walls, and repair with caulk or weatherproof tape if necessary
- Check for signs of water damage and call a plumber if you find any potential leaks

FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES



- Clean ovens and ranges
- Clean garbage disposal by grinding ice cubes and flush with hot water and baking soda
- Vacuum refrigerator and freezer coils, empty and clean drip trays
- Run a clean cycle on the dishwasher
- Check the fireplace for damage or hazards, and have it professionally inspected once a year
- Clean fireplace flues
- Vacuum lint from the dryer vent

PLUMBING



- Check water softener and replenish salt
- Flush hot water from the water heater to remove accumulated sediment
- Check the water heater for leaks
- Clean faucet aerators and showerheads to remove mineral deposits
- Check washer hose connections
- Inspect under bathroom and kitchen sinks for leaks
- Examine pipes for leaks or clogs
- Contact a plumber to replace any damaged or corroded pipes or to line your plumbing
- Schedule a professional plumbing inspection once a year

