

# HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

#### **JANUARY**

- Change furnace filters
- Test CO2 & smoke detectors
- Tighten handles, knobs, racks, etc.
- · Check & clean range hood fan
- Deep clean & inspect basement
- Vacuum refrigerator coils
- Run water & flush toilets in unused spaces
- · Clean garbage disposal

### **FEBRUARY**

- Clean & vacuum curtains
- Check caulking around showers & bathtubs
- · Replace batteries in smoke detectors
- · Replace batteries in CO2 detectors
- Repair any interior wall damage
- Touch up or repaint as needed

#### **MARCH**

- Change furnace filters
- Inspect roofing
- · Check on the exterior drainage
- Get your air conditioning ready for summer
- Repair/replace damaged window screens
- Flush hot water tank & remove sediment
- At winter's end re-open interior valves supplying outdoor water pipes

### **APRIL**

- Run water & flush toilets in unused spaces
- Remove leaves & debris from gutters
- Clear dead plants & shrubs from the house
- Clean garbage disposal
- Clean out window wells of debris
- Get your lawnmower blades sharpened
- Check & replace any bad caulking around windows, doors, siding joints, or anywhere else needed

### **MAY**

- Hire a professional to pump & inspect septic tank
- Inspect & clean outdoor lighting
- · Re-nail any loose siding or trim boards
- · Oil garage door tracks
- · Trim trees, bushes & shrubs
- Maintain yard growth
- Apply fertilizer to lawn
- · Remove & clean all window screens
- Inspect sprinkler heads, test irrigation system

## **JUNE**

- Change furnace filters
- · Remove lint from dryer exhaust vent
- Maintain yard growth
- Check grout in kitchen, bathrooms, etc.
- Power-wash windows & siding
- Clean garage
- Inspect plumbing for leaks
- Clean aerators on faucets

# **JULY**

- Test CO2 & smoke detectors
- Run water & flush toilets in unused spaces
- Vacuum refrigerator coils
- · Maintain yard growth
- Check & clean range hood fan
- · Check all locks on doors & windows

### **AUGUST**

- · Flush hot water tank & remove sediment
- Maintain yard growth
- Inspect basement/crawl space for moisture
- Mend cracks & gaps in driveway
- · Mend cracks & gaps in walkway
- Look for visible signs of ants & termites
- Clean & repair deck/patio as needed
- Clean garbage disposal

# NOVEMBER

- · Clean the carpets
- · Remove lint from dryer exhaust vent
- · Check fire extinguisher
- Clean kitchen exhaust hood & filter
- Oil garage door tracks

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### **SEPTEMBER**

- Inspect roofing for missing, loose, or damaged shingles and leaks
- Power-wash windows & siding
- Winterize air conditioning system
- · Get heating system ready for winter
- Check weather stripping on doors & windows
- Apply fertilizer to lawn
- Winterize sprinkler system

## OCTOBER

- Test sump pump
- Run water & flush toilets in unused spaces
- Rake leaves & debris from gutters
- Change furnace filters
- Turn off & flush outdoor water faucets
- Cover or store outdoor furniture
- Clean garbage disposal
- Clean & inspect chimney
- Ensure pipes are well insulated
- Check attic vents

## **DECEMBER**

- Remove shower heads & clean sediments
- Inspect hose on the washing machine
- Develop plan for next summer's home improvements