

Seasonal Home Maintenance Checklist

Fall

- Replace batteries for smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when you change your clocks to “fall back”
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- If you live in a cold climate, drain in-ground sprinkler systems and pools, and wrap exterior pipes
- Inspect weather stripping around windows and doors, and repair as needed
- Have heating system inspected and serviced
- Clean fireplace and have chimney inspected

Winter

- Remove dryer lint from the hose and vent, as well as under and behind the dryer
- Clean your dishwasher filter according to the instructions in the user manual
- Monitor basement for leaks or dampness
- Check fire extinguishers and replace if needed
- Vacuum refrigerator coils and clean drip trays
- Clean all drains

Spring

- Replace batteries for smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when you change your clocks to “spring forward”
- Have air conditioner inspected and serviced
- Drain water heater and test Temperature and Pressure Relief (TPR) valve
- Restart sprinkler system
- Clean windows and screens
- Have pest control service check for termites

Summer

- Trim damaged or dead branches
- Inspect wood decks for damage and reseal if necessary
- Seal cracks in patios and driveway
- Inspect the house for plumbing leaks
- Clean and lubricate garage door tracks
- Test GFCI outlets

Monthly

- Change air filters
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Clean garbage disposal

Bonus Tip: Set calendar reminders on your smart phone to help you remember what needs to be done and when, or use a home maintenance app.