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HOME MAINTENANCE CALENDAR

PREPARE YOUR HOME AND YARD FOR COOLER
TEMPERATURES, FALLING LEAVES, AND MORE HOURS
SPENT INDOORS IN THE FALL.



OUTDOOR TASKS:

- ☐ Clean gutters and down spouts.
- ☐ Inspect roof and chimney for cracks and damage.
- ☐ Rake leaves and shred them to use as mulch or dispose of them based on local guidelines.
- ☐ Close or install storm windows.
- ☐ Remove hoses from spigots and drain and store indoors, coiled and flat.
- ☐ Store outdoor furniture and cushions.
- ☐ Test snow blower and have it professionally serviced if needed.

INDOOR TASKS:

- ☐ Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when you set clocks back in the fall.
- ☐ Check windows and doors for weather-tightness and install weather stripping where it's needed.
- ☐ Have furnace professionally inspected.
- ☐ If needed, set traps for rodents.
- ☐ Dust blinds and vacuum, curtains throughout your house.
- ☐ Clean kitchen and bathroom cabinets and throw away outdated food, medicine, and cosmetics.

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WINTER

IN WINTER, ENJOY ENERGY-EFFICIENT WARMTH AND THEIR FRUITS OF YOUR HOME-MAINTENANCE LABORS. USE THIS TIME TO THE YEAR TO THOROUGHLY CLEAN AND CARE FOR YOUR HOME'S INTERIOR WHILE TAKING A FEW PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES ON THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME.

OUTDOOR TASKS:

- ☐ Walk around your home's exterior and check the crawl space vents located at the foundation. Close any that are open.
- ☐ Protect your central air conditioning unit with a cover and remove and store window air conditioners.
- ☐ Clean and store garden tools.
- ☐ Move snow shovels and snow blowers to a convenient spot.

INDOOR TASKS:

- ☐ Change or clean furnace filters. Consult manufacturer instructions for your furnace to determine how frequently the filters should be replaced.
- ☐ Clean kitchen appliances inside and out, including refrigerator coils.
- ☐ Maintain clean drains by adding a half-cup of baking soda followed by a half-cup of white vinegar. After 10 minutes, flush with boiling water.

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SPRING

IN SPRING, FOCUS ON FRESHENING UP YOUR HOME AND PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY AGAINST THE SEASON'S STRONG WINDS AND RAINS. SPRING CLEANING REQUIRES THAT YOU GO A LITTLE DEEPER THAN DUSTING. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO MAINTAIN YOUR HOME IN THE SPRING!

OUTDOOR TASKS:

- ☐ Clean gutters and downspouts.
- ☐ Inspect roof and chimney for cracks and damage.
- ☐ Touch-up peeling or damaged paint.
- ☐ Wash all windows and doors.
- ☐ Clean outdoor furniture and air out cushions.
- ☐ Service your lawn motor.
- ☐ Fertilize your lawn.

INDOOR TASKS:

- ☐ Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when you set clocks forward.
- ☐ If your basement has a sump pump, test it by dumping a large bucket of water into the basin of the sump pump. This should activate it. If it does not switch on or if it's not pumping water, it may need to be serviced by a professional. Also check for and remove any debris and make sure there are no leaks.
- ☐ Wash and change seasonal bedding.
- ☐ Dust blinds and vacuum curtains throughout your house.
- ☐ Clean kitchen and bathroom cabinets and throw away outdated food, medicine and cosmetics.

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IN SUMMER, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING
PROJECTS TO KEEP YOUR YARD LUSH AND YOUR
HOME COOL.



SUMMER

OUTDOOR TASKS:

- ☐ Walk around your home's exterior and slide open crawl space vents at the foundation.
- ☐ Prune trees and shrubs.
- ☐ Remove lint from dryer exhaust vent with a long, flexible brush.
- ☐ Uncover central air conditioner and install window air conditioners.
- ☐ Clean gutters to keep mosquitos at bay.
- ☐ Fill weed-free cracks with asphalt or cement crack filler, sand, or corn gluten meal, which prevents future germination.

INDOOR TASKS:

- ☐ Change or clean heating, ventilating, and air conditioning filters. Consult manufacturer instructions for your furnace to determine whether you need to change filters more frequently.
- ☐ Clean kitchen appliances inside and out, including refrigerator coils.
- ☐ Maintain clean drains by adding a half-cup of baking soda followed by a half-cup of white vinegar. After 10 minutes, flush with boiling water.
- ☐ Drain or flush water heater.

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