



The Ultimate Home Service & Maintenance Checklist

Your Strategic Guide to a Safer, Healthier, and More Valuable Home

Welcome, strategic home manager!

This checklist is designed to take the guesswork out of home maintenance. Forget the overwhelming, disorganized lists. This is your year-round action plan to protect your investment, improve your family's well-being, and enjoy the peace of mind that comes with a well-cared-for home.

Print it out, stick it on your fridge, and take control of your property.

Regular Check-ups (Monthly & Quarterly)

These are the small, consistent habits that prevent big problems down the road.

Monthly Tasks

☐ Test Smoke & CO Detectors

Pro Tip: Press the 'test' button. A loud, clear beep means it's working. Replace all batteries at least once a year, even if they still work.

☐ Check Under Sinks & Around Toilets for Leaks

Pro Tip: Use a flashlight and run your hand along the pipes. Look for any signs of moisture, drips, or water stains. A small leak today can become a moldy, expensive disaster tomorrow.

☐ Clean Kitchen Sink Disposal

Pro Tip: To clean and deodorize, run a handful of ice cubes through the disposal, followed by some cold water and a few lemon or orange peels.

Quarterly Tasks (Every 3 Months)

☐ Change HVAC Air Filters

Pro Tip: This is one of the easiest ways to improve your home's air quality and lower your energy bill. Write the date on the side of the new filter so you know when you last changed it.

☐ Clean Range Hood Filters

Pro Tip: A greasy, clogged filter is a fire hazard and makes your exhaust fan ineffective. Most metal filters can be easily cleaned in your dishwasher or soaked in a degreasing solution.

The Big Annual Tasks (Spring & Fall)

These seasonal services are your home's heavyweight champions, tackling major issues and preparing it for the coming weather.

Spring To-Do List (Prepare for Summer)

☐ Professional Gutter Cleaning

Why it's critical: Clogged gutters are a primary cause of water damage to your roof, siding, and even your home's foundation. This is non-negotiable.

☐ Professional Pressure Wash Siding, Decks & Walkways

Why it's critical: Instantly boosts curb appeal by removing a year's worth of grime, algae, and pollen. It also helps protect your paint and siding from long-term damage.

☐ Professional Window Cleaning (Inside & Out)

Why it's critical: You'll be shocked at how much more natural light fills your home. It makes every room feel brighter, bigger, and cleaner.

☐ Inspect Landscaping & Drainage

Task: Trim trees and shrubs so they are at least one foot away from your house. Ensure soil and mulch slope away from your foundation to prevent water intrusion.

Fall To-Do List (Prepare for Winter)

☐ Professional HVAC Tune-Up

Why it's critical: Ensures your heating system is safe, reliable, and running efficiently before the cold weather hits. This service can prevent costly emergency breakdowns.

☐ Chimney Sweep & Inspection (If you have a fireplace)

Why it's critical: Removes flammable creosote buildup, a leading cause of house fires. A professional sweep also checks for structural issues.

☐ Flush Water Heater

Why it's critical: Removes sediment that builds up in the tank, which improves energy efficiency and extends the life of the unit.

☐ Inspect & Seal Windows/Doors for Drafts

Task: Check for air leaks and apply new weatherstripping or caulk where needed. This is a simple DIY that can significantly lower your heating bills.

Long-Term Health & Safety Investments

These are less frequent but incredibly high-impact services that protect your health and prevent major structural issues.

Every 2-3 Years

☐ Professional Air Duct Cleaning

Impact: Dramatically improves your indoor air quality by removing years of accumulated dust, pet dander, allergens, and other pollutants from your home's "respiratory system."

☐ Professional Deep Carpet Cleaning

Impact: Your carpets act as a giant filter. A deep cleaning extracts the trapped pollutants, dirt, and allergens that regular vacuuming can't reach, restoring the health and appearance of your floors.

Every 5 Years

☐ Professional Electrical Panel Inspection

Impact: This is a critical safety check, especially for homes over 20 years old. An electrician can identify overloaded circuits, faulty breakers, or outdated wiring that could pose a fire risk.

☐ Professional Roof Inspection

Impact: A trained eye can spot small problems like cracked shingles, damaged flashing, or failing seals before they turn into a major, expensive leak that damages your attic and ceilings.

My Home Maintenance Notes & Service Log

Use this space to keep track of service dates, company names, and any notes for next time.

Service: _____ Date: _____ Company: _____

Notes:

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