

# Home Maintenance Tips

Simple tasks to protect your investment and avoid costly repairs

Keeping up with routine home maintenance helps you avoid major problems and preserve your home's value. These DIY-friendly tasks can make a big difference over time.

- **Clean Gutters and Downspouts** – Clear leaves, twigs, and debris to prevent clogs, water damage, and foundation issues.
- **Replace Air Filters** – Swap out filters in your heating and cooling systems every 1–3 months to keep air clean and equipment running efficiently.
- **Seal Windows and Doors** – Check for gaps or cracks and apply fresh caulk as needed to prevent drafts and energy loss.
- **Test Safety Detectors** – Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms regularly, and replace batteries as needed to ensure they're working.
- **Clear Dryer Vents** – Remove lint buildup to improve dryer performance and reduce fire hazards.
- **Maintain Grout** – Inspect grout in kitchens and baths for wear or mold; repair and reseal to prevent moisture damage.
- **Trim Landscaping** – Keep trees and shrubs trimmed away from your home to avoid damage from branches or invasive roots.
- **Vacuum Refrigerator Coils** – Clear dust and debris from coils to improve efficiency and extend the appliance's lifespan.
- **Check for Plumbing Leaks** – Look for drips, leaks, or water stains around sinks, toilets, and pipes; repair promptly to prevent damage.
- **Inspect and Clean Chimney** – For fireplace users, schedule annual inspections and cleanings to reduce creosote buildup and maintain safety.
- **Examine the Roof** – Look for missing shingles, leaks, or signs of wear. Address small repairs quickly to avoid bigger issues.
- **Stick to a Maintenance Schedule** – Use a calendar or digital reminders to keep track of seasonal upkeep and stay ahead of potential problems.

**Why It Matters:** Staying on top of regular home maintenance not only protects your property from costly repairs but also helps preserve—and even increase—its value. A well-cared-for home is more appealing to buyers and more comfortable to live in.



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