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## Home Maintenance Checklist

### Every Month

- Inspect and possibly change out HVAC filters
- Clean kitchen sink disposal
- Clean range hood filters
- Inspect your fire extinguisher(s)

### Spring

- Give your house a deep clean
- Vacuum your refrigerator coils
- Check smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries
- Run water and flush toilets in unused spaces
- Check water softener, add salt
- Service and clean your AC system
- Flush hot water heater & remove sediment, then test water heater's pressure relief valve

### Summer

- Check grout in bathrooms, kitchen, etc; repair as needed
- Inspect plumbing for leaks; clean aerators on faucets
- Check to see if any toilets are loose from the floor & repair
- Take care of any inspect problems; consider signing up for a regular pest service
- Clean and repair deck/patio
- Clean out windowless of debris
- Check and clean dryer vent & other exhaust vents to exterior of house

## **Fall**

- Check exterior drainage & clean out drains
- Clean gutters
- Repair/replace damaged window screens
- Change screens to storm windows
- Clear away dead plants/shrubs
- Check trees for interference with electrical lines & make sure they aren't touching the roof; if so, cut them back
- Inspect roofing for damage & leaks
- Have furnace cleaned & serviced
- Turn off & flush outdoor water faucets
- Get chimney inspected & cleaned
- Test sump pump
- Check driveway/pavement for cracks

## **Winter**

- Regularly check for ice dams & icicles
- Test your electricity to the extent that you can
- Tighten any handles, knobs, ricks, etc.
- Check all locks & deadbolts on windows & doors
- Check caulking around showers & bathtubs; repair as needed
- Remove shower heads & clean sediment
- Deep clean & inspect the basement