

Yearly Home Maintenance



Check gutters for ice dams & icicles Tighten any loose handles/door knobs Inspect fire extinguishers Check driveway for any cracks Clean behind refrigerator & stove Flush out water heater to remove sediment Change HVAC filter (every 30-60 days) Test GFCI outlets Deep clean oven Have roof inspected for any needed repairs Check caulking in bathroom & kitchen Clean gutters of leaves & debris AUGUST Test smoke detectors (monthly) Test sump pump Check whole house humidifier for maintenance Check attic for water intrusion Ensure all railings & steps outside are secured Clean outdoor grill Check and clean range hood filter Have carpet professionally cleaned SEPTEMBER Have trees pruned/trimmed away from house Oil any squeaky door hinges Touch up exterior paint as needed Replace caulking around exterior windows Spring cleaning- purge and declutter Tighten any loose nails/screws on deck Check all gutter downspouts & splash blocks Inspect fence for any needed repairs Replace batteries in smoke detector Replace batteries in smoke detector OCTOBER Have air conditioner serviced Have furnace serviced Check for proper grading around exterior Remove hoses from outside spigots Test garage door auto reverse Reverse ceiling fans (clockwise direction) Clean gutters of leaves & debris Check attic for adequate insulation Check brick, siding, exterior for any damage Winterize outdoor lawn equipment NOVEMBER Have septic system cleaned & serviced Create/Practice Emergency escape plan Pressure wash/clean deck, siding, outdoor areas Shut off supply for exterior spigots Reseal or stain deck Have fireplace inspected & cleaned Switch ceiling fans to counterclockwise Clean and cover outdoor furniture Run water & flush toilet in unused bathrooms Test smoke detectors (monthly) ECEMBER Clean garbage disposal (monthly) Have dryer vent cleaned or replaced Check basement for water intrusion Run water & flush toilet in unused bathrooms Clean out/defrost freezer & refrigerator Change HVAC filter (every 30-60 days) Vacuum registers and vents Inspect weather-stripping by doors & windows Clean inside & outside windows Clean faucet aerators to remove buildup