

The Seasonal Home-Maintenance Checklist

The 40 jobs almost every home has, on a monthly or seasonal cycle. Free from Ardent Workshop — print it, hang it, tick it off.

Spring	MAR · APR · MAY	Summer	JUN · JUL · AUG
MAR - Check the basement / crawlspace ☐ - Vacuum the bathroom exhaust fans ☐ - Deep-clean the washer tub ☐		JUN - Vacuum the refrigerator coils ☐ - Check the washing machine hoses ☐ - Deep-clean the washer tub ☐ - Re-caulk tubs, showers & sinks ☐ ○ Test the water-heater relief valve ☐	
APR ○ Clean gutters & downspouts ☐ - Inspect the roof from the ground ☐ - Check grading & downspouts ☐ - Clean the dishwasher filter ☐		JUL - Clean the dishwasher filter ☐ - Lubricate the garage door & locks ☐ - Check outdoor outlets & lighting ☐	
MAY - Clean & repair window screens ☐ - Check exterior caulk & paint ☐ - Wash the siding ☐ ○ Clean the dryer vent duct ☐		AUG - Book the fall heating tune-up ☐ ○ Trim trees & shrubs off the house ☐ - Clean the drive, walks & steps ☐ - Check weatherstripping & sweeps ☐	
Fall	SEP · OCT · NOV	Winter	DEC · JAN · FEB
SEP - Check the basement / crawlspace ☐ - Vacuum the bathroom exhaust fans ☐ - Deep-clean the washer tub ☐ ● Professional heating tune-up ☐ - Re-check the dryer vent flap ☐		DEC - Vacuum the refrigerator coils ☐ - Deep-clean the washer tub ☐	
OCT - Clean the dishwasher filter ☐ - Seal gaps, cracks & penetrations ☐		JAN - Clean the dishwasher filter ☐ - Vacuum registers & radiators ☐ - Look under the water heater ☐	
NOV ○ Clean gutters after leaf fall ☐ - Run the heat, bleed radiators ☐ - Check roof, flashing & chimney ☐		FEB - Hunt drafts on a cold, windy day ☐ - Re-check basement & crawlspace ☐ ○ Confirm bath fans vent outdoors ☐ - Re-order the year's consumables ☐ - Review home insurance & photos ☐	

Quarterly and twice-yearly jobs are printed in every month they fall in — not a duplicate. · Setup and the jobs to do first are on page 2.

EVERY MONTH · the six that don't wait for a season

- Check / change the HVAC filter
- Look under every sink for leaks
- Wash the range hood filter
- Test every smoke & CO alarm
- Test the GFCI outlets
- Check the fire extinguishers

● book a trade ○ take extra care no mark: an ordinary homeowner job

The full pack adds 45 more tasks — see page 2.



HOW TO USE THE SHEET ON THE OTHER SIDE

Three steps, about ten minutes

1 Hang it where you stand still.

The utility room, the inside of a closet door, the garage. A checklist in a drawer is a checklist you will not read.

2 Write this year at the top right.

Nothing on the sheet is dated, so it works whenever you print it — and next year you print a fresh one.

3 Cross out anything that isn't yours.

This page leaves out every job tied to a system only some homes have, so there is far less to cross out than usual — the septic tank, the well, the irrigation and the fireplace are already gone. If you have no dryer, no radiators and no garage door, rule those lines through now.

Then the jobs to do first, in a home you have just taken on

Test every alarm and read the date printed on the back of each · find and label the main water shutoff, the main breaker and the gas shutoff · change the HVAC filter and write the size on the furnace · look under every sink and at the base of the water heater · clear the gutters and get every downspout at least four feet from the wall. Allow an afternoon rather than ten minutes — the gutters alone are a ladder job.

WHEN THIS ONE PAGE ISN'T ENOUGH

Home Maintenance Seasonal Wall Calendar and Task Cards

All 85 tasks rather than the 40 overleaf — the 39 that depend on what your home actually has (central air, an attic, a garage, a deck, a tank water heater, a septic tank, a well, irrigation, a fireplace, a sump pump and hard freezes among them), plus the 6 that run on multi-year cycles and need a written date rather than a season. Each one timed, marked as a homeowner job, a take-extra-care job or trade work, and explained by the specific failure it prevents. Three tick columns, so one printed sheet lasts three years. Twelve monthly task cards with cut marks. Fourteen last-done and next-due record cards. Climate and building adjustments, a tool list, and a plain page on where the homeowner job stops. And the whole set shown filled in.

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A general maintenance rhythm for an ordinary home — not a professional home inspection, and not a substitute for the manuals that came with your equipment. Where your manufacturer, installer, or local code says something different, follow them. Some of these tasks involve ladders, gas, water under pressure and electricity: if anything is seized, corroded, warm to the touch, or unfamiliar, leave it alone and ask someone qualified. Months assume the Northern Hemisphere; south of the equator, read by season and shift six months.