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Home Maintenance Checklist – Spring/Summer Cleaning Tips

Indoors:

- Test air-conditioning, Clean or replace air-conditioning filter
- Replace Alarm batteries (smoke, carbon monoxide, etc)
- Remove hair from drains in tubs, sinks and showers using drain cleaner that is appropriate for your system.
- Clean the lint out of your clothes dryer vent.
- Use a vacuum with a brush attachment to clean the coils on the back of your refrigerator and freezer.
- Rotate/Update and summer ready the 72 hour kit
- Inspect Food Storage (always use and rotate) * Rotate water supply

Outdoors:

- Wash windows / Wash siding
- Check central-air unit for debris and clean
- Caulk or fill any areas where insects may enter the house
- Spray for spiders, yellow jackets, ants etc. around the exterior of the house
- Hook up garden hose, check for leaks
- Clean gutters and downspouts, check for leaks and cracks
- Trim bushes and trees away from house
- Make ready air-conditioning units
- Clean and organize garage
- Check house for peeling paint, cracks in brick/masonry, future roof problems.
- Check decks and other free-standing structures for winter damage and settling
- Test outdoor lights and replace bulbs as needed
- Weatherproof all wooden surfaces if it has been 2 years or more since you last did it.
- Inspect washer hoses and dryer vent system.

Yard:

- Rake/ de-thatch lawn, Aerate lawn, Fertilize/ weed and feed lawn
- Apply insect control to lawn
- Check trees and other landscaping for winter damage, prune as needed
- Clean lawn furniture/ check for cracks or other problems
- Check yard for large depressions or heaving, may indicate drainage problems
- Check fencing for problems, repair if needed
- Check for and repair any driveway cracks
- Reseal asphalt driveways

Auto:

- Change oil, air filter, Check tire pressure
- Check coolant level and strength
- Clean salt/sand from under carriage of car
- Clean and wax exterior - Clean and shampoo interior

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Garage / Lawn Equipment:

- Change oil if applicable, Put in fresh gasoline
- Replace sparkplugs (strongly recommended)
- Check belts for wear and replace if needed
- Run machine for 10 minutes or until blue-black smoke disappears
- Sharpen blades as needed
- Run snow blower out of gas, wash salt off and store

Garden:

- Prepare soil for planting
- Turn on sprinkling system, test and repair
- Add compost if needed



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Home Maintenance Checklist – Fall/Winter Tips

Indoors:

- Change furnace filters
- Have furnace professionally checked, cleaned, and tested
- Clean and turn on humidifier
- Replace Alarm batteries (smoke, carbon monoxide, etc)
- Wash windows
- Have chimney and flue cleaned
- Clean the lint out of your clothes dryer vent.
- Use a vacuum with a brush attachment to clean the coils on the back of your refrigerator and freezer.
- Turn off and drain garden hose spigots inside
- Check weather stripping around doors and windows (replace as needed)
- Have furniture and carpets cleaned to help cut down indoor pollution
- Rotate/Update and winter ready the 72 hour kit.

Outdoors:

- Put away patio furniture
- Drain and store garden hoses
- Check around doors and windows for gaps, weather-stripping, caulk as needed
- Wash windows
- Put up storm windows
- Put away or cover grill (make sure gas is turned off)
- Clean gutters and downspouts (important to keep ice build-ups minimal)
- Put up Holiday lights and decorations (the holidays will be here before you know it)
- Trim trees and shrubs away from house
- Inspect your roof for damaged shingles, flashing, skylights, dormers and etc. Repair as needed.
- Inspect attic and basement for signs of birds, squirrels, bats and unwanted guests. Seal entrance holes.
- Insulate pipes outside of your home and in unheated basements and garages.
- Clean your chimney and fireplace to minimize the chance for fire related problems during winter.
- Chop and stack firewood closer to the house (order firewood if needed)

Yard:

- Apply winter fertilizer to lawn
- Mow lawn for last time to keep matting of grass to a minimum
- Rake leaves
- Stake driveway sides to mark for plow if needed

Auto:

- Change oil, air filter, Check tire pressure
- Check coolant level and strength
- Clean and wax exterior - Clean and shampoo interior

Garage:

- Winterize lawn equipment
- Seal concrete floor to keep salt damage minimal
- Set rodent traps if you have an attached garage
- Get snow blower running and ready, Find snow shovel

Garden:

- Remove dead plants
- Cover perennial plants with a thick layer of mulch
- Wrap or protect shrubs from winter winds
- Turn soil for next year
- Harvest late crops before first heavy freeze

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