

Home Maintenance and Safety Checklist

Spring

- Close fireplace damper when not in use
- Replace smoke and fire alarm batteries
- Cut back any trees or shrubs touching the exterior
- Inspect and touch up exterior paint
- Inspect foundation for water penetration, settlement, and cracks
- Inspect or treat exterior wood for splintering, decay, and insect damage
- Inspect window insulation and remove storm windows
- Clean exterior of upper-story windows
- Install window screens, repairing as needed
- Clean gutters and inspect downspouts
- Inspect roof for warping and cracking
- Perform seasonal pest control
- Inspect and replace filters as necessary (air conditioner, furnace, pool, etc)

Summer

- Make extra house keys and leave with friends or hide, incase you lock yourself out
- Clean/vacuum grill and inside compressor unit of central air conditioner, when in use
- Inspect exposed plumbing areas for dampness and mold
- Fix leaky faucets_Indoor and Outdoor
- Fix loose or cracked caulking around tiles, sinks, tubs, showers, toilets, and counters
- Inspect appliance hoses and ventilation according to owner's manuals
- Power wash, repair, refinish, and seal decks, reset any protruding nails
- Clean and lubricate sliding-glass-door tracks and window tracks
- Lubricate door hinges and locks, Oil garage door(s)
- Patch driveway and other concrete, or treat asphalt
- Check propane hose on grill for cracks or leaks
- Perform Pest control

Fall

- Replace smoke and carbon monoxide alarm batteries
- Inspect and clean fireplace and chimney
- Clean and adjust humidifier on furnace
- Clean/vacuum heating ducts, grills, and registers
- Wax and buff wood floors
- Inspect window screens and insulation, and install storm windows
- Inspect weather-stripping around doors and replace as needed.

- Cut back any trees or shrubs touching the roof or exterior
- Clean gutters and inspect downspouts
- Trim, cover, or bring in outdoor plants as needed
- Perform seasonal pest control

Winter

- clean or replace door (welcome) mats
- Clean dryer vent hose or replace
- Refill fire extinguishers
- Service furnace or other heating system (change filter)
- Professionally clean curtains and carpet
- Inspect and touch up Interior paint
- Inspect exposed plumbing areas for dampness and mold(twice per year)
- Test for carbon monoxide
- Make sure stairways are well lit