

10-Point Annual Home Maintenance Checklist

Eliminate common yet avoidable risks by taking these steps to protect your home and family.



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Gutter Cleaning

Clogged gutters can lead to water overflow, causing damage to siding and landscaping as well as potential water infiltration into basements or crawl spaces.

Regular gutter cleaning and inspection ensures proper water drainage and prevents costly repairs associated with water damage.

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Chimney Maintenance

Use of your fireplace or wood stove leads to creosote build-up in your chimney, which can ignite to start a house fire.

Even small amounts of creosote leads to the release of dangerous carbon monoxide gases in your living space, which poses a serious safety risk to your family.

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Tree Maintenance

Overgrown trees with branches hanging over roofs, power lines, and other structures can lead to significant property damage.

Regular tree maintenance – including pruning and trimming – helps mitigate this risk by reducing the likelihood of falling limbs during storms or heavy winds.

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Clean Dryer Vents

Lint builds up in your dryer over time and causes the appliance to overheat, which increases the risk of a home fire.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost 15,000 fires are started this way every year, totaling an average of \$200 million in damage annually. Cleaning your dryer vents eliminates this risk.

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Drain & Flush Water Heater

Water sediment accumulates in your water heater over time, reducing energy efficiency and leading to corrosion, clogged valves, and water leaks.

Regular draining and flushing of your water heater removes sediment, improves energy efficiency, and reduces the risk of unit failure.

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Change HVAC Filters

A Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system with clean filters operates more efficiently, consuming less energy to heat and/or cool your home.

Changing your HVAC filters annually improves energy efficiency, which translates to lower utility costs and reduced environmental impact.

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Roof Inspection

Water leaks resulting from damaged shingles create moist environments that contribute to mold and mildew growth, which compromises indoor air quality and poses health risks to you and your family.

Periodic roof inspections can detect mold and mildew early so you are able to eliminate these risks.

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Inspect Outlets & Wiring

Loose outlets, frayed wires, and outdated electrical components are the culprit in many home electrical fires, which are responsible for \$1.3 billion in property damage every year, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International.

Regular inspections by a qualified electrician help identify issues and eliminate risks.

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Drain Inspection

Regular drain inspections help identify early signs of clogs or blockages in your plumbing system.

By detecting and addressing these issues early, you can prevent more significant clogs from forming over time, which reduces the risk of significant water damage in your home.

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Security Inspection

Every home develops physical security vulnerabilities over time, such as weak points in doors and windows, inadequate lighting, and overgrown landscaping that provides cover for intruders.

Annual security inspections eliminate these vulnerabilities, keeping your family safe and giving you peace of mind.

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