

Fall Indoor To Do List

Many homeowners are familiar with the high costs that can accrue when something goes wrong unexpectedly; performing monthly maintenance is a good way to keep tabs on what's wearing quickly. There are many things in your home that need monthly attention. By taking care of these, you're likely to avoid some big problems in the future.

- If you haven't already, schedule your annual cooling system maintenance.** This keeps your system working efficiently and safely.
- Change the air filter in your heating & cooling system.** Filters need to be replaced frequently to allow your system to operate properly.
- Drain your water heater.** Flush and refill. It is important to do this once a year. A flush and refill will keep your water heater working efficiently and extend the life span of the water heater.
- Keep sewer gases out of your home by filling your drain trap with water.** This is especially true for faucets that you do not use often.
- Check all window and door locks for proper operation.**
- Clean windows on the inside** to remove streaks, spots, fingerprints, and dirt from the glass and window sills.
- Review your fire escape plan with your family.**
- Test your emergency generator,** if you have one.
- Clean and vacuum dust from vents.**
- Inspect and clean dust from the covers of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.**
- Make sure the caulking around doors and windows is adequate** to reduce heat/cooling loss.
- Make sure the caulking around your bathroom fixtures is adequate** to prevent water from seeping in to the sub-flooring.
- Clean out your appliances,** such as the oven and refrigerator.