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# MONTHLY HOME · MAINTENANCE & · IMPROVEMENT · CHECKLIST



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Jenny Carlson is a Texas State Realtor®. A commitment to education and professionalism has earned her:

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A background in psychology and small business consulting, as well as 20 years in the real estate industry, has equipped her with extensive experience and knowledge. A challenging first time home purchase years ago gave Jenny a passion to ensure a smooth journey for buyers and sellers.

A strong commitment to values, diligence and strong ethics have guided the journey. Jenny continues that commitment today, using all her skill and knowledge to represent her client's interests and make their dreams come true.

















# January

New Year, Fresh Start

#### **Maintenance Tasks:**

- ✓ Inspect and clean gutters and downspouts
- Check for drafts around windows and doors; apply weatherstripping as needed
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; replace batteries if necessary
- Review and organize home maintenance records and receipts

- Organize closets and storage areas
- ✓ Plan and budget for major home projects for the year
- Refresh interior paint in high-traffic areas



# February

# **Energy Efficiency Focus**

## **Maintenance Tasks:**

- Service HVAC system; replace filters
- Inspect attic insulation for adequate coverage
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; replace batteries if necessary
- Review and organize home maintenance records and receipts

- Install programmable thermostats
- ✓ Upgrade to energy-efficient lighting fixtures
- Seal gaps and cracks in the foundation and around windows



# March

# Spring Preparation

## **Maintenance Tasks:**

- Inspect roof for damaged or missing shingles
- Clean and repair window screens
- Service lawn equipment for the upcoming season

- ✓ Landscape planning: design garden beds and select plants
- Install rain barrels for water conservation
- Power wash exterior surfaces



# April

# Outdoor Enhancements

#### **Maintenance Tasks:**

- Inspect roof for damaged or missing shingles
- Inspect and repair fencing
- Check irrigation systems for leaks or clogs

- Plant trees and shrubs
- Install outdoor lighting for safety and aesthetics
- ✓ Add mulch to garden beds to retain moisture



# May

# **Curb Appeal Boost**

## **Maintenance Tasks:**

- Clean windows inside and out
- Inspect and clean dryer vents
- Check and repair driveway and walkway cracks

- Paint or stain the front door
- Add potted plants or flower boxes
- Update house numbers and mailbox



# June

# Mid-Year Check-In

#### **Maintenance Tasks:**

- Test and clean ceiling fans
- ✓ Inspect plumbing for leaks under sinks and around toilets
- Clean refrigerator coils

- ✓ Install ceiling fans to improve air circulation
- Upgrade kitchen or bathroom hardware
- Organize garage or storage sheds



# July

# Summer Safety

#### **Maintenance Tasks:**

- Check for signs of pests and address as needed
- Inspect pool equipment and safety features
- Ensure fire extinguishers are accessible and charged

- ✓ Install or repair outdoor play equipment
- Create shaded outdoor areas with umbrellas or pergolas
- Add or update outdoor seating areas



# August

# Storm Preparedness

## **Maintenance Tasks:**

- Inspect and clean gutters and downspouts
- Check roof and siding for storm damage
- Secure outdoor furniture and equipment

- Install storm shutters or impact-resistant windows
- ✓ Upgrade sump pump systems
- Review and update emergency preparedness kits



# September

# Fall Readiness

#### **Maintenance Tasks:**

- Service heating systems
- ✓ Inspect chimney and fireplace; schedule cleaning if needed
- Clean and store summer tools and equipment

- Plant fall flowers and bulbs for spring
- Install programmable lighting for shorter days
- Weather-strip doors and windows



# October

# **Interior Focus**

#### **Maintenance Tasks:**

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; replace batteries
- Check attic for signs of pests or leaks
- Clean and inspect the dryer vent system

- Update interior lighting fixtures
- Repaint rooms with neutral colors to enhance appeal
- ✓ Install new window treatments for energy efficiency



# November

Holiday Preparation

#### **Maintenance Tasks:**

- Inspect and clean kitchen appliances
- Check insulation in attic and basement
- Service water heater

- ✓ Upgrade kitchen countertops or backsplash
- Install smart home devices for lighting and security
- Decorate entryway to create a welcoming atmosphere



# December

Year-End Wrap-Up

#### **Maintenance Tasks:**

- Review home maintenance records and plan for the upcoming year
- Inspect and clean sump pump
- Check for ice dams and remove snow from roof if applicable

- ✓ Install energy-efficient windows or doors
- Organize and declutter living spaces
- ✓ Plan and budget for major renovations in the new year



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