

HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST



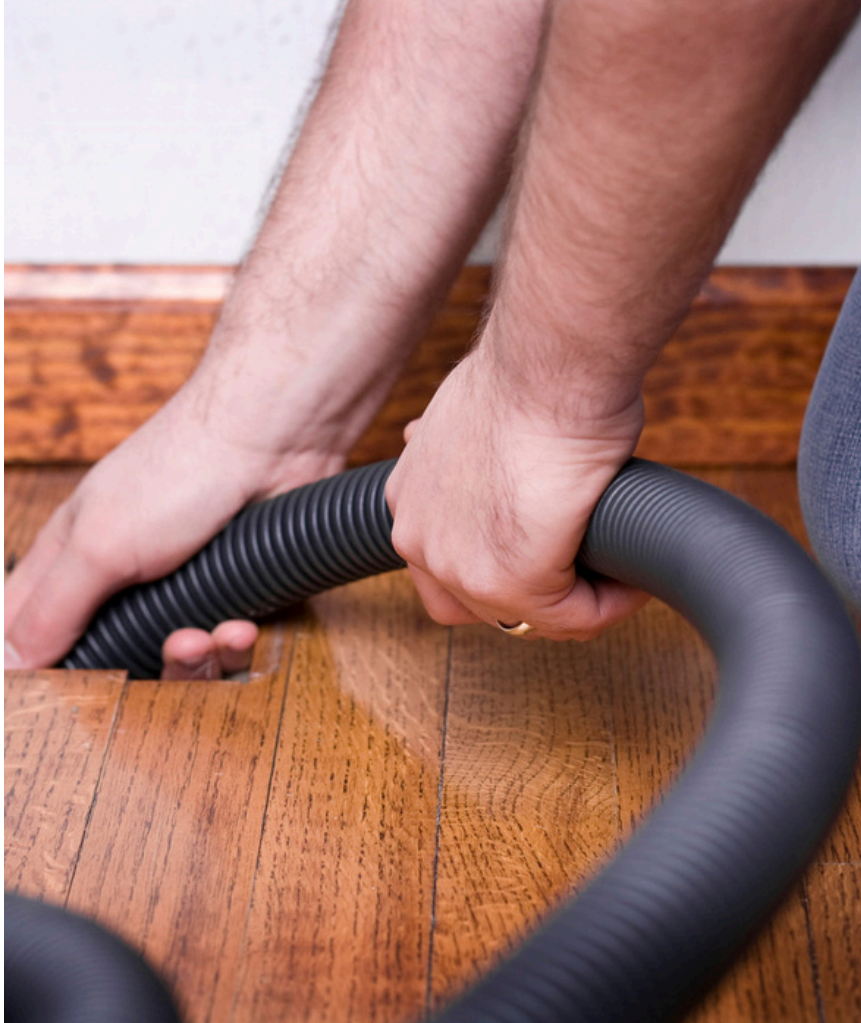
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CLEAN OUT HEAT VENTS TO PREVENT DUST



Heat vents left unchecked can circulate dust around the home and reduce air quality over time. To clean out the heat vents:

- Turn off the power connected to the heating and air conditioning system.
- Unscrew the air duct covers or grills from the walls. Use your brush to clean the grates thoroughly.
- Vacuum the ducts as much as possible. Consider renting a heavy duty vacuum for this purpose.

KEEP KITCHEN FAN WORKING & CHANGE RANGE HOOD FILTER



Change your range hood filters at least once or twice a year. More often if you cook a lot of greasy or oily food. Swapping out these filters will ensure that your hood fan works efficiently and doesn't get clogged or damaged.

BOOK AN HVAC MAINTENANCE CHECK



Prevent future HVAC issues and book your HVAC tune up now. These are some of the areas a good HVAC tune up will cover:

- Checking and clearing a clogged vent system
- Cleaning and replacing water in the hot water tank
- Cleaning dirty evaporator or condenser coils
- Checking and correcting gas pressure
- Checking and flushing out drain lines
- Cleaning or replacing filters

PREVENT MOLD & RECAULK/REGROUT YOUR TUB, SHOWERS, AND BATHROOM



Whether you have grout or caulk as a filler between your tiles in the bathroom, it will exhibit signs of wear and tear over time. If you notice any crumbling, peeling, or mildew, it's probably time for a touch-up.

You can attack moldy grout or caulk with a bleach solution as a quick fix to tide you over for awhile, but if you need to replace the grout completely, it's worth it to prevent future issues!

CHANGE WATER FILTERS



Get a fresh start on all of your filters! Particularly your furnace filter if you ran the heat a lot over the winter. Also, don't forget the water filter if your fridge has a water dispenser. This will speed up the water and also improve the pressure and quality!

CREATE A HOME INVENTORY FOR INSURANCE



Make a list of all items you would want your insurance company to know about in case of any emergencies!

Keep the list up-to-date by adding any new big-ticket items.

This is a great opportunity to take full stock of all valuable items in your home!

REPLACE BATTERIES IN SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS



Twice a year, change the batteries in each detector. If you're prone to forget this task, change the batteries when you change the clocks (spring forward and fall back).

To be safe, you should have at least one of each detector on every level of your home.

Don't rely on the beeping to tell you when to change the batteries. After replacement, be sure to hold the test button down for 15-20 seconds after changing so you can hear whether or not the battery works (careful, it can be very loud).

PREVENT MOLD & CLEAN EXHAUST FANS



Fans in your home help clean out smells and moisture but if they can't do their job efficiently, you run the risk of growing mold in your home.

Take the time to remove and clean your bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans. This will keep the hardware running smoothly, keep moisture out of your home, and dust out of the air.

INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RECAULK WINDOWS



Prevent drafts, keep your energy costs low, and your home comfortable by replacing missing caulk.

Remove any cracked, dry, or otherwise damaged caulk with a sharp knife and replace it with a fresh bead.

INSTALL A NEW THERMOSTAT



A programmable thermostat is a big step toward energy efficiency and it's easy to install:

Turn off the breaker to your furnace and air conditioner, then remove the old thermostat, leaving the wires in place.

The number of wires (two or four) will help determine which type of thermostat you should buy to replace it. Nest thermostats in particular make it easy to regulate and monitor your temperature.

REPLACE LEAKY FAUCETS



Replacing a faucet might sound intimidating, but it's easier than you think. Choose a new fixture that requires holes in the same locations as the old faucet to ensure that it will fit properly on the sink.

Before working under the sink, snap a picture so you know how to put everything back together. Shut off the water, drain the faucet, then follow the manufacturer's instructions.

STEAM CLEAN CARPETS



Use a steam cleaner once or twice a year to breathe life back into your carpets, making it look fluffy and smell fresh. Steam cleaners loosen up and extract any embedded soil and other deposits.

Give your carpet time to dry before walking over it again. You can rent a steam cleaner or hire a professional.

THANK YOU!

I HOPE THIS CHECKLIST AND GUIDE
SERVES YOU WELL. THE HOME BUYING
PROCESS CAN BE OVERWHELMING
BUT WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!
DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



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