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# Seasonal Home Maintenance Checklist

## Fall Checklist

### Outside

- Check all weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors; replace or repair as needed.
- Check for cracks and holes in house siding; fill with caulking as necessary.
- Remove window air conditioners or put weather-proof covers on them.
- Take down screens (if removable type); clean and store them.
- Drain outside faucets.
- Clean gutters and drain pipes so they won't be clogged with leaves.
- Check roof for leaks; repair as necessary.
- Check flashing around vents, skylights, and chimney for leaks.
- Check chimney for damaged chimney caps and loose or missing mortar.
- Check chimney flue; clean obstructions; make sure damper closes tightly.

### Inside

- Check insulation wherever possible; replace or add as necessary.
- Have heating system and heat pump serviced; change or clean filters on furnace.
- Drain hot water heater and remove sediment from bottom of tank; clean burner surfaces; adjust burners.
- Check all faucets for leaks; replace washers if necessary.
- Check and clean humidifier in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Clean refrigerator coils.

## Spring Checklist

### Outside

- Check all weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors, especially if you have air conditioning.
- Check outside house for cracked or peeled paint; caulk and repaint as necessary.
- Remove, clean, and store storm windows (if removable type).
- Check all door and window screens; patch or replace as needed; put screens up (if removable type).

### Inside

- Replace filters on air conditioners.
- Check and clean dryer vent, stove hood, and room fans; change or clean filters on furnace.
- Check seals on refrigerator and freezer; clean refrigerator coils; clean burner surfaces; adjust burners.
- Clean fireplace; leave damper open for improved ventilation if home is not air conditioned.
- Check basement walls and floors for dampness; if too moist, remedy as appropriate.
- Clean dehumidifier according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Check for leaky faucets; replace washers as necessary.
- Check attic for proper ventilation; open vents.
- Clean drapes and blinds; repair as needed.

