



# Home Maintenance Checklist For The Entire Year

## SPRING

Contact your landscaper or lawn maintenance company to:

- Start your seasonal maintenance program
- Fertilize the lawn
- Have trees trimmed (especially near power lines and house)
- Activate your Sprinkler system and check for leaks and broken heads
- Clean grill and patio furniture
- Open hose bib valves and check inside and outside for leaks
- Check shrubs
- Check window wells and water flow, clean out as necessary
- Check gutters
- Clean out gutters
- Change batteries at Daylight Savings Time in all smoke/co detectors

## SUMMER

- Periodically inspect shrubs and water any that appear to be browning. These plants may require additional watering during very dry periods
- Spray the house for ants, insects, wasps
- Flush the hot water heater
- Clean dryer vent and lint hose
- Unplug refrigerator and dust refrigerator coils
- Clean range hood filter
- Check Sump Pump: check electric and hydro powered pit/pump, make sure they are working properly

## AUTUMN & WINTER

- Shut down and air out sprinkler system
- Shut off all outside water feeds inside house to prevent lines from potentially freezing
- Clean out window wells
- Check and clean gutters as necessary
- Check all windows locked for optimal energy efficiency and eliminate any drafts
- Check basement windows for drafts, loose frames or cracked panes
- Disconnect any hoses that are attached to the hose bibs
- Check batteries in all smoke/co detectors and change if necessary



- Check Sump Pump

**BONUS CHECKLIST: MONTHLY MAINTENANCE:**

- Remember to check and change your air filters in your attic and basement furnace units at the beginning of the month. Minimum recommended intervals to change your filters is once every two to three months.
- Always a good idea to periodically test your smoke detectors

**TIP:** After heavy rain always enter and visually check the entire basement for a possible water breach.

**BONUS TIP: PUT YOUR HOME MAINTENANCE ON AUTOPILOT:**

The important thing is that you remember to complete these essential maintenance tasks. Most of the things you have to do occur in summer and autumn, when we are preparing for the annual spring cleaning or getting ready for the winter.

A simple way to keep the maintenance list in mind is to automate the procedure, so you can focus on other important things.

**Google Calendar:**

If you have a gmail account you can add these tasks as recurring every year and you will be notified in advance of what you need to do each month/season. The best thing about Google Calendars is that you can share tasks with other people, so it is perfect for your family if you take up home maintenance projects as a team.

**Regular Calendar:**

At the beginning of each year, remember to mark the important home maintenance dates in the calendar. Again, it will help you keep track of tasks by laying out all the necessary home maintenance tasks and eliminate potential issues or expenses that can easily be avoided.