Home Checklist Following is a checklist compiled to help you with your home maintenance and care!

Spring

_____ Ensure grading is correct and water drains away from the house
_____ Check the fence around pool and yard intact, gates working properly
_____ Check for signs of rodents, bats, termites, roaches in the yard, crawlspace, attic, basement, garage
_____ Clean window wells, gutters, downspouts. Make sure gutters are sealed, and water flows away from the house
_____ Turn on sprinkler system, outside water sources. Check for leaks and repair as needed
_____ Clean leaves and yard debris from gardens, around shrubs and along the foundation of your house
_____ Inspect foundation of your house for cracks, signs of settling, wet walls. Cracks larger than 1/8" should be checked by specialist
_____ Check chimney, skylights, plumbing vent, flashing. Check attic for signs of leaking and rot
_____ Inspect the outside of your house for loose caulking, peeling paint. Check shingles on house
_____ Check windows and doors to make sure flashing is intact, check for proper operation
_____ Look for signs of leaking windows and doors, repair . Clean screens on windows and doors
_____ Clean dryer vent Check and clear exhaust ducts
_____ Inspect basements and crawl spaces. Check for water or puddles, inspect floor drain, inspect Hot water system
_____ Inspect sump pump, check valve, and make sure back up system is working properly
_____ Check bath and kitchen fan operation. Clean kitchen exhaust fans and screens
_____ Have HVAC spring service completed, check operation of dehumidifier. Replace filters in HVAC system.
_____ Check electrical outlets for damage, check cords, test ground fault interrupters
_____ Check and test smoke detectors and CO2 alarms. Replace batteries
_____ Inspect joints in tile and caulk around sinks, tubs and repair

Summer

_____ Inspect roof for damage, loose shingles _____ Inspect driveway for cracks and settling
_____ Drain water and sediment from your hot water heater and replace the water. Check pressure valve, and vent
_____ Replace the filter in the HVAC System. Check the drain for blockage.
_____ Check hose connections to the clothes washer, dishwasher, ice machine for leaks. Replace washer hose every 5 years
_____ Check traps and drains under all sinks for leaks. Clean and check refrigerator drip pan

Fall

_____ Check attic and crawl spaces for leaks, loose insulation, pests
_____ Disconnect hoses, drain and store for winter. Remove window air conditioners and store
_____ Shut off water sources to outside hose beds and sprinkler system. Drain sprinkler system of all water
_____ Check caulking around sinks, showers and tubs
_____ Inspect seals around windows, doors, and flashing around chimneys
_____ Have HVAC System serviced for winter. Check dryer vents, exhaust fans. Inspect gas heater ventilation
_____ Clean yard of all leaves and debris. Aerate and seed yard as needed. Apply winter fertilizers as needed
_____ Clean Gutters and downspouts. Make sure all leaks are sealed and there are no blockages in the downspouts
_____ Check garage door for proper operation. Replace all garage light bulbs with new bulbs for winter
_____ Check water main/meter or well pump for leaks or sweating

Winter

_____ Check doors and windows for cold air leaks throughout the winter and repair as needed
_____ Monitor chimney, attics, crawl spaces for pests
_____ Replace HVAC system filters
_____ Monitor gutters and downspouts for leaks and blockage
_____ Oil locks and hinges on doors, tighten hardware in house

This list was compiled from multiple sources and personal experience. If you have ideas we can add, please email us!

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