

CHECKLIST FOR THE SEASONS

HERE ARE SOME CHECKLISTS FOR YOU TO FOLLOW TO HELP YOU MAINTAIN YOUR HOME PROPERLY. THE TASKS ARE CATEGORIZED BY SEASON.



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ANNUALLY

Call your InterNACHI® home inspector to perform a home maintenance inspection as part of your routine home maintenance plan.

IN THE SPRING

- Check for damage to your roof.
- Check all the fascia and trim for deterioration.
- Have a professional air conditioning contractor inspect and maintain your system as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Check your water heater for rust, leaks, and other issues.
- Check your home for water leaks.
- Replace all extension cords that have become brittle, worn or damaged.
- Check your fire extinguishers and replace, if necessary.

IN THE FALL

- Check your home for water leaks.
- Have a heating professional check your heating system every year.
- Protect your home from frozen pipes.
- Run all gas-powered lawn equipment until the fuel is gone.
- Test your emergency generator.
- Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean the flues and check your fireplace damper.
- Remove any birds' nests from chimney flues and outdoor electrical fixtures.
- Clean off the covers and change the batteries in the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors/alarms.
- Blow out your lawn irrigation system.
- Clean the gutters and downspouts.
- Replace window screens with storm windows.

IN THE SUMMER

- Check your children's backyard play equipment for safety issues.
- Check your wood deck or concrete patio for deterioration.
- Check the nightlights at the top and bottom of all stairways.
- Check the exterior siding.
- Check all window and door locks.
- Check the water hoses on the washing machine, refrigerator, icemaker, and dishwasher for cracks and bubbles.
- Devise and practice an emergency escape plan with your family.

IN THE WINTER

- Make sure that the caulking or weatherstripping around the windows and doors is adequate in order to keep down your heating and cooling costs.
- Make sure any firewood stored outdoors is at least 20 feet away from your home's foundation.
- Familiarize responsible family members with the location and operation of the main gas valve and other appliance valves.
- Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct, damper, and the space under the dryer.
- Make sure all electrical holiday decorations have tight connections.
- Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter.
- Test all GFCI devices.
- Make sure that the caulking around your bathroom fixtures is adequate to prevent water from seeping into the sub-flooring.

These checklists are adapted from InterNACHI's "Now That You've Had a Home Inspection" home maintenance book.