



National Center for Healthy Housing

National Healthy Homes Training Center and Network

Healthy Homes Maintenance Checklist

The following checklist was developed for the Healthy Homes Training Center and Network as a tool for healthy home maintenance. A healthy home is one that is constructed, maintained, and rehabilitated in a manner that is conducive to good occupant health.

To maintain a healthy home, occupants should keep it dry, clean, well-ventilated, free from contaminants, pest-free, safe and well-maintained. Good home maintenance can act to

reduce allergens, prevent illness, and reduce injury from accidents. This checklist provides basic guidelines; items may need to be checked more often depending on local conditions and manufacturer suggestions.

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Yard & Exterior					
	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
Water drains away from house	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
No trip, fall, choking, sharp edge hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Fence around pool intact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Check for signs of rodents, bats, roaches, termites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Drain outdoor faucets and hoses		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Clean window wells and check drainage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Clean gutters and downspouts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Basement & Crawlspace					
	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
No wet surfaces, puddles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Sump pump and check valve working	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Floor drain working	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Vacuum basement surfaces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Check for signs of rodents, bats, roaches, termites		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Exterior Roof, Walls, Windows					
	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
Shingles in good condition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Check chimney, valley, plumbing vent, skylight flashing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Make sure gutters discharge water away from building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Check attic vents		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Check attic for signs of roof leaks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Check for icicles and ice dams			winter		
Look for peeling paint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Look for signs of leaks where deck attaches to house	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Check below window & door that flashing intact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Repair broken, cracked glass		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Look for signs of leaks at window and door sills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Clean dryer vent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Check exhaust ducts are clear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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Interior Walls, Ceilings, Windows, Doors

	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
Check for signs of water damage			●		
Check operation of windows and doors	●				
Lubricate and repair windows and doors				●	

Appliances

	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
Clean kitchen range hood screens				●	
Clean dryer vents and screens	●				
Clean exhaust fan outlets and screens	●				
Clean outdoor air intakes and screens		●			
Clean air conditioning coils, drain pans	●				●
Clean dehumidifier coils, check operation	●				
Clean and tune furnaces, boilers, hot water heaters		●			●
Clean and tune ovens and ranges		●			●

Plumbing, Fixtures and Appliances

	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
Check washer hoses-connections			●		
Check dishwasher hoses for leaks			●		
Check toilet supply/shut-off valve			●		
Clean & check refrigerator drip pan-icemaker connections			●		
Check shower-tub surrounds for signs of damage			●		
Check traps and drains under sinks, tubs, showers for leaks			●		
Check hot water heater for leaks		●			
Check boiler for leaks		●			
Check water main/meter or well pump for leaks or sweating		●			
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Clean septic tank			2 yrs		
Check drain and supply time for leaks	●	●			
Check bath and kitchen fans operation	●	●			

Electrical Equipment

	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
Check for damaged cords	●	●			
Test ground fault interrupters	●				
Test outlets for proper hot, neutral and ground			once		
Check smoke and CO alarms	●	●			

Garage

	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
Ensure storage of fuel cans	●	●			
Proper operation of garage door safety shut-off	●	●			
Check for signs of water damage	●				
Check for signs of rodents, bats, roaches, termites	●	●			

HVAC Equipment - Replace filters

	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
Warm air furnace (merv 8)		●			
Air conditioner (central air merv 8)	●				
Dehumidifier	●				
Outdoor air to return to heat recovery ventilation		●			

Attic

	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
Check for signs of rodents, bats, roaches, termites		●			
Check for water damage		●			
Ensure insulation in place		●			
Check that fans still exhaust to outdoors (check ductwork connections)			●		