

Easy Home Maintenance Calendar

Here's a monthly calendar of simple steps for maintaining and improving your home through the year.

January- Add weather stripping and caulking to doors and windows if you feel a draft. Install carbon monoxide detectors. When windows are closed carbon monoxide can build up in tightly sealed homes.

February- Check your bathtubs for needed repairs. Re-grout all bathtubs and showers to prevent leaks.

March- Check for animal infestation in your attic, and reseal these holes that mice or birds may have gotten through. Replace the batteries in your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detectors.

April- Re-seed bare patches in your lawn. If you are planning outdoor renovations, do it now or in the fall. April is a good time to transplant trees.

May- Plant perennials and annuals after the last frost. Mulch the flower beds with pine straw, bark or leaves to discourage weed growth.

June- June is a good time to paint. You can leave the windows and doors open for ventilation. Also, build up the soil around your house. This will help the rain flow away from your home.

July- Check your exterior siding and shutters for damage. Make sure your plants are receiving enough water.

August- Check your deck and fences for needed repair. Trim shrubs.

September- Check your furnace/heater. Check the weather stripping around your windows and doors. September is a good time to start a new lawn.

October- Plant spring flowering bulbs. Although all of the home improvement stores rush to show new plants in the spring, October is the best time to plant flowering bulbs because plants do not require as much water and cooler temperatures give the plants time to take root before a long hot summer.

November- Clean gutters. Close valves to your water hoses that are not in use. Fertilize your lawn with a winterizing product.

December- Clean out closets and donate clothing and other items in good condition to get year end tax deduction.

Replace or clean furnace air filters. **I Sell Homes As Well As Give Out Maintenance Advice**

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