



## Home Maintenance Tips

Taking good care of your home is a constant project. Basic cleaning, preventive maintenance and timely repairs will keep things generally working well. Here's a list of property "to do's" that are a bit more obscure but will go a long way to keeping your home in tip-top shape.

- Test garage door opener (pressure reverse), GFCI receptacles & breakers, and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Vacuum smoke detectors, heating registers, vents, ducts and radiators.
- Check plumbing fixtures and water-using appliances for leaks.
- Grind a cut-up lemon and then a couple cups of ice in the garbage disposal.
- Clean pop-up sink and tub strainers.
- Pour drain cleaner and boiling water down drains to keep them running freely.
- Check and replace furnace filter.
- Have the furnace professionally cleaned and serviced annually.
- Drain a few gallons of water from the hot water heater.
- Test relief valve on hot water heater.
- Pour water down a seldom used drain.
- Clean faucet aerators and shower heads.
- Clean refrigerator pan.
- Vacuum refrigerator condenser coil.
- Clean kitchen exhaust fan.



- Vacuum bathroom vent covers.
- Clean dishwasher food filters and check that openings in spray arms are clear.
- Examine caulk and grout in shower and repair as needed.
- Clean and seal grout and natural stone.
- Exercise (turn on and off) plumbing shutoff valves.
- Exercise circuit breakers.
- Clean out dryer vent duct.
- Clean gutters & downspouts
- Clean gaps between deck boards, treat decks for fungus & mildew.
- Clean around air conditioner compressor.
- Inspect weatherstripping and replace as needed.
- Inspect window screens and repair as needed.
- Clean sliding door tracks and lubricate with white lithium compound.
- Examine dual-pane windows for failed seals and replace as needed.
- Inspect foundation and brick/stucco siding and repair cracks as needed.
- Clean and lubricate garage door tracks.
- Have fireplace and flues inspected, cleaned and repaired as needed.

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