

Seasonal Home Maintenance Checklist

A no-signup, first-home field guide. Use the season to observe, prepare, and record. Skip anything that does not apply to your home, climate, or responsibility.

Monthly baseline

- ☐ Look for new visible water, staining, unusual smells, or changes in sounds.
- ☐ Check emergency supplies, lights, and household contact information.
- ☐ Record what changed before trying to diagnose or repair it.

Spring

- ☐ Take a ground-level exterior walkaround after winter.
- ☐ Check accessible areas for visible leaks or moisture.
- ☐ Prepare for local spring storms and power outages.

Summer

- ☐ Review the household heat and cooling plan before dangerous heat arrives.
- ☐ Use only user-serviceable HVAC filter tasks described by the equipment instructions.
- ☐ Prepare the home and alerts plan before time away.

Fall

- ☐ Record filter details and arrange qualified heating service when needed.
- ☐ Prepare outdoor water connections only with climate- and equipment-specific guidance.
- ☐ Note accessible doors, windows, emergency supplies, and any issue that needs help before winter.

Winter and after severe weather

- ☐ Follow local alerts and protect people first during outages, freezing weather, and storms.
- ☐ Check only from a safe location after weather; avoid roofs, floodwater, downed lines, and damaged electrical equipment.
- ☐ Save photos, dates, and service notes for the next season.

Safety and ownership boundary

Use local alerts first. If your home has one, add only tasks for equipment you can identify. If work is owner-maintained or shared, check with your HOA or building management. This checklist does not call for roof access, exterior ladders, electrical or gas work, major plumbing, mold work, or hazardous-material handling. Call qualified help when a task crosses a safety, access, or responsibility boundary.

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