

Home Maintenance Suggested Checklist

(Refer to your appliance and system manuals for additional details.)

Regular Maintenance Checklist

Item	Recommended Maintenance Schedule
Dryer lint screen	Clean after every load
Dryer vent	Check and clean (vacuum) annually or if clothes are not drying properly
Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms	Test in spring and fall; replace batteries as needed
Air conditioner condenser (back of house)	Remove leaves and debris in spring and fall
Ceiling fans	Dust fan blades in spring and fall
Furnace filter	Clean or replace every 3–6 months, or as needed
Range hood filter under microwave	Clean every 3–6 months, or as needed (can be cleaned in dishwasher)
Garbage disposal	Clean with hot water and baking soda as needed; run with ice or lemon peels to clear and freshen
Dishwasher	Clean filter as needed, depending on use

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Hose bibs	At the start of winter, turn off and cover for freeze protection
Faucet filters	Check and clean if water flow is slow or after plumbing repairs
Refrigerator coils	Vacuum behind and around coils annually (more often if you have pets)
Exhaust fans	Check annually to ensure they are working and unobstructed
Gutters and downspouts	Remove debris after the first rain or if water is not flowing properly
Landscape sprinklers	Check annually for proper flow at the start of the season; turn off, drain, and winterize at the end of the season
Fire sprinklers	Testing and additional information to be provided

Home Safety Recommendations

- ☐ Do not remove the self-closing hinge on the door from the house to the garage — this is an important fire safety feature.
- ☐ Keep flammable items away from the water heater and out of the garage when possible — helps reduce fire risk.
- ☐ When cleaning the stovetop, make sure gas ports are clean and free of debris — clogged ports can affect safe operation.

- ☐ Check and replace weather stripping around doors — as needed to improve energy efficiency.
 - ☐ Inspect and repair exterior caulking — as needed to prevent water intrusion.
 - ☐ Repair damaged roof shingles promptly — especially after storm damage.
 - ☐ Have your heating and air conditioning system serviced — every few years or as recommended by the manufacturer.
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Landscape Maintenance Tips

- ☐ Make sure irrigation does not spray directly onto the house.
- ☐ Keep soil and mulch at least 6 inches below the bottom of siding.
- ☐ Keep plants 12–24 inches away from exterior walls to allow proper airflow and reduce moisture issues.