

Monthly Home Maintenance Checklist

Protect your investment and maintain your property's curb appeal with these routine, bite-sized tasks designed to keep your home running beautifully all year long.



Interior & Systems

- HVAC Filters:** Inspect furnace and AC filters; replace monthly if you have pets or allergies.
- Safety Alarms:** Test smoke and CO detectors using the test button. Clear any dust.
- Deep Clean Drains:** Flush drains with boiling water or vinegar to prevent grease and hair buildup.
- Garbage Disposal:** Sanitize by grinding ice cubes and lemon peels, then flush with cold water.
- Fire Extinguishers:** Check that the pressure gauge is in the green zone and easily accessible.

Exterior & Aesthetics

- Walkway Inspection:** Check walkways and driveway for cracks, tripping hazards, or weeds.
- Foundation & Vents:** Clear leaves, debris, or pests away from foundation vents and openings.
- Curb Appeal Touch-ups:** Prune dead branches, pull weeds, and refresh potted plants around entryways.
- Exterior Lighting:** Wipe down outdoor light fixtures and replace burnt-out or dim bulbs.
- Gutter Visual Check:** Look from the ground to ensure no obvious sagging or overflowing areas exist.

Appliances & Plumbing

- Water Softener:** Check the salt levels in the brine tank and top off if necessary.
- Refrigerator Coils:** Vacuum the grill and coils underneath/behind the fridge to boost efficiency.
- Washing Machine Seal:** Wipe down the rubber door seal on front-loaders to prevent mold and odors.
- Faucet Aerators:** Unscrew and clean faucet aerators to maintain flawless water pressure.

The Hidden Details

- Range Hood Filter:** Wash the grease filter in hot, soapy water or run it through the dishwasher.
- GFI Outlets:** Press the "test" button on bathroom and kitchen GFCI outlets to ensure safety.
- Interior Caulking:** Look around bathtubs, showers, and sinks for peeling caulk needing touch-ups.
- Door Hardware:** Tighten any loose screws on door handles, hinges, and locksets.

Pro Tip: Continuous Care Protects Home Equity

Consistency is key to a premium retail sale value down the road. Keeping a neat record of these small monthly tasks shows future buyers a flawless history of home care, helping you command top market prices when you decide to sell.



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