

Whether you've just bought your first place or moved on from renting, keeping things in good shape can feel like a constant job. That's where this simple Home Maintenance Checklist comes in. We've broken it down by season and task type, so you can stay on top of the important stuff without the stress. Tick things off as you go, and your home will thank you for it.

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## Tasks by Season

#### **SPRING**

- □ Check the condition of your roof and chimney
- □ Clean your windows and check their condition
- □ Do a spring clean Clear the weeds and leaves
- □ from the garden Adjust your thermostat

### SUMMER

- □ Clean garden furniture, decking, paths and patios, and tend to your lawn and plants
- Paint any external surfaces such as fences, decking or doors
- □ Wash any upholstery such as duvets, pillows and curtains
- Check for leaks and reseal and regrout your bathroom
- Get your boiler serviced

#### **AUTUMN**

- □ Keep on top of clearing leaves from pathways
- Check leaves and moss aren't blocking drainage from your guttering
- Ensure security lights are working and well placed
- Insulate your pipes to protect from cold weather
- □ Bleed all radiators to let out any air

#### **WINTER**

- □ Ensure you trap as much dirt in the entry of your home so it's not brought through the house
- Occasionally open windows, clear condensation and regularly check for damp
- □ Following any harsh weather, check for any damage across the property
- Check your loft insulation and identify any other draught points
- Carefully consider placement of plugs with additional seasonal lighting, and don't overload outlets

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# Frequent Home Maintenance Tasks

These are the tasks you'll need to complete fairly regularly (for example monthly) to ensure your home is safe and running as efficiently as possible.

- Check your boiler pressure to make sure it is topped up and clean the magnetic water filter if you have one.
- □ Smoke/carbon monoxide alarm test
- □ Clean dishwasher and top up salt
- Clean washing machine and tumble dryer, and remove any lint fluff
- Clean the fridge/freezer, throw anything that has passed its date and wipe everything down
- □ Clean the hood extractor filter from your stove
- Clean your oven and any trays that have built up grease
- Unclog and clean any sink drains in your home
- □ Check for signs of leaks and damp pay attention in particular to bathrooms and kitchens and around window sills







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