NEWHOUSE Checklist

Home Maintenance Checklist

67 tasks by month, season and year. Must-dos protect life or prevent major damage: do them first.

Address _____ Year _____ Started _____

Check each box when it's done and write the date on the right. Tasks with a grey tag only apply to some homes. Step-by-step instructions and sources for every task: newhousechecklist.com/maintenance/

1 Every month

- [ ] **Test every smoke alarm** Must-do
  The main reasons alarms fail are missing, disconnected or dead batteries. USFA says test all alarms monthly; hardwired units still need a backup battery replaced at least yearly. 15 min · Free–$10 for batteries
  Buy: Step ladders — we recommend Louisville Ladder 6-Foot Fiberglass Cross Step Ladder
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- [ ] **Test every CO alarm** Must-do · A fireplace or wood stove / An attached garage / Gas appliances or gas heat
  CPSC says more than 200 people die each year from CO from non-automotive consumer products. Test monthly and replace batteries annually. 10 min · Free
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- [ ] **Check fire extinguisher pressure gauges**
  A UL-listed multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher can stop a small fire, but only if it's reachable and you know PASS. USFA says use one only when the fire is small, 911 has been called and you have a clear exit. 30 min · $30–60 each
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- [ ] **Test GFCI outlets and AFCI breakers**
  GFCIs prevent electrocution in wet areas; AFCIs prevent arcing fires. ESFI says test both monthly; a GFCI that doesn't cut power when tested needs replacing. 30 min · Free; $15–25 per new GFCI receptacle
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- [ ] **Test the garage door's auto-reverse** An attached garage / Kids at home
  A non-reversing garage door can crush a child or pet. CPSC says test the reversing feature monthly with a 2x4 laid flat in the door's path; the photo eye should be 4–6 in above the floor. 10 min · Free
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- [ ] **Check the HVAC filter**
  Look at your HVAC filter once a month and change it when it looks heavily soiled. ENERGY STAR says to check monthly, and EPA says most makers call for a change every 60 to 90 days. Choose a filter that fits snugly, and aim for MERV 13 if your system can handle it. About 5 min · Varies by size and rating
  Buy: HVAC air filters — we recommend Filtrete Healthy Living Elite Allergen Reduction, MPR 2200 (MERV 13), 1-inch
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- [ ] **Do a monthly walk-through of the house**
  For a simple monthly home maintenance checklist, pick a fixed day each month and walk one loop from basement to attic. Check the HVAC filter, sump pit, water heater base, under-sink cabinets, floors and ceilings, then read your humidity monitor. Aim for 30 to 50% humidity, and write down anything new so you can see changes over time.
  A short loop; longer the first time while you learn the house · Free; a humidity monitor if you don't own one
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- [ ] **Clean the garbage disposal and drain screens**
  To clean a garbage disposal, turn it off, scrub under the rubber splash guard, then run citrus rinds through with a strong flow of cold water to clear smells. Empty the hair catchers and sink strainers at the same time. Keep drain cleaner out of the disposal, and never put your hand inside. About 10 min · Free
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- [ ] **Clean the washing machine**
  To clean a washing machine, wipe the door gasket once a month, clean the detergent drawer, run the tub-clean cycle and clear the drain pump filter on a front-loader. LG gives this monthly schedule for its washers. Use the cleaner your manual names, and never mix bleach with vinegar. Top-loaders usually have no pump filter to clear.
  About 15 min plus a cycle · Free to low; varies if you buy a cleaner
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2 Every 3 months

- [ ] **Drain sediment from the tank water heater**
  To drain sediment from a water heater, the Department of Energy says to run about a quart of water from your tank every 3 months and to follow your manufacturer's instructions. Use a hose on the drain valve, let the water run clear and close the valve. The water is hot enough to burn. 20–60 min · Free
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- [ ] **Clean the dishwasher filter**
  To clean a dishwasher filter, lift it out from the bottom of the tub, rinse it under running water and scrub it with a soft brush and soap, then lock it back in. Bosch says to do this every few months. Whirlpool's schedule runs from every two months to once a year, or monthly with very hard water. About 10 min · Free
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- [ ] **Degrease the range hood filter**
  Grease-saturated hood filters stop capturing grease and smoke; the seller's buildup is often years deep.
  30 min · Free; $15–40 for replacement charcoal filters
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3 Twice a year

- [ ] **Run a fire drill**
  Fire drills make escape automatic. Fire safety agencies recommend practicing at least twice a year, once at night, using different exits. 20 min · Free
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- [ ] **Replace the refrigerator water filter**
  Most refrigerator water filters need changing every 6 months or at their gallon rating, whichever comes first. Find the model number, swap the cartridge, flush water through the dispenser as your manual directs, then reset the filter light. With an unknown filter from the seller, change it now.
  About 10 minutes, plus flushing · About $40 to $60 for a maker's filter; about $8 to $20 for aftermarket
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4 Spring

- [ ] **Get the cooling system tuned up**
  Book an AC tune-up each spring, before the summer rush. A technician should clean the coils, check refrigerant, adjust the blower and clear the condensate drain. Central AC tune-ups run about $85 to $200, with an average near $143. Repairs and extras, like a refrigerant recharge, cost more.
  One visit; ask how long when you book · About $85 to $200 for central AC (varies by region)
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- [ ] **Check toilets and fixtures for hidden leaks**
  EPA WaterSense says 9% of homes have leaks wasting 50+ gallons a day; toilets are a common culprit and the dye test takes 10 minutes. 30 min · $5–15 for a flapper
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- [ ] **Test the sump pump by filling the pit** A basement / A sump pump
  A sump pump that fails in the first big storm floods the basement; InterNACHI says to test by pouring water into the pit and to service it annually. 15 min · Free
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- [ ] **Clean gutters and check they drain**
  Clogged gutters overflow behind fascia and at the foundation; InterNACHI advises cleaning twice a year (more under trees).
  2–3 hrs · $100–250 for a pro on a one-story home (varies)
  Buy: Extension ladders — we recommend Werner 28-ft Fiberglass Extension Ladder with GlideSafe
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- [ ] **Inspect the roof from the ground or a ladder**
  NRCA recommends inspecting roofs at least twice a year — spring and fall — and after severe storms, from the ground or the roof edge rather than walking on it. 30 min · Free
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- [ ] **Walk the exterior for winter damage**
  Once the last freeze has passed, do a spring exterior home inspection: walk all the way around your house and check the roof from the ground, gutters and downspouts, soil slope, caulk, siding and outdoor faucets. You're looking for anything winter moved, cracked or loosened, and for places where spring rain could reach the foundation. Most checks take an hour.
  About 1 hour · Free; small supplies if you recaulk or add soil
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- [ ] **Inspect and tune the sprinkler system** Lawn sprinklers
  EPA estimates up to half of residential outdoor water is lost to overwatering from inefficient irrigation; a WaterSense controller can save an average home up to 15,000 gallons a year. 1–2 hrs · Free; $100–300 for a controller
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- [ ] **Service the mower and outdoor power tools**
  For spring lawn mower maintenance, disconnect the spark plug before the first cut and drain any fuel that sat all winter. Change the oil, fit a new plug and air filter, then sharpen the blade and clean the deck. Refill with fresh 87-octane gas containing no more than 10% ethanol. Most owners can finish in an afternoon.
  1 to 2 hours · Oil, a spark plug and an air filter for your model; prices vary
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5 Summer

- [ ] **Flush the AC condensate drain line**
  To flush an AC condensate line, turn off the AC at the breaker, open the access cap on the drain near the indoor unit and pour in about a cup of distilled vinegar. Wait about 30 minutes, then flush with clean water and confirm it runs out. Lennox suggests flushing the line every few months. About 15 min plus soak time · Cost of a cup of vinegar ____/____

- [ ] **Check AC unit, caulk and pests outside**
  For your summer home maintenance checklist, spend an hour in early summer on the outdoor AC unit, the condensate drain, caulk, wood near the ground and your deck. Clear plants and debris away from the unit with the power off, confirm the drain runs, and probe wood for soft spots. Call a pro for refrigerant, termites or a loose deck railing. About 1 hour · Free ____/____

- [ ] **Lubricate the garage door and replace remote batteries** An attached garage
  To lubricate a garage door about every six months, close the door, disconnect the opener and wipe the tracks clean. Spray silicone or white lithium lubricant on the roller bearings, hinges, bearing plates, springs and lock. Leave the tracks dry. Then change the remote and keypad batteries and test the door's safety reverse.
  About 20 minutes · One can of silicone or lithium spray, plus batteries ____/____

- [ ] **Clear window and sliding-door weep holes**
  Weep holes are small slots at the bottom of window and sliding door frames that let rainwater out. To clean window weep holes, vacuum the track, work a pipe cleaner through the slot, then pour in water and check that it runs out. Never caulk them shut, even if they look like gaps. 30–60 min · Free ____/____

6 Fall

- [ ] **Get the heating system tuned up**
  Book a furnace tune-up or other heating check every autumn, ahead of cold weather. A technician should check gas or oil connections, gas pressure, burner combustion and the heat exchanger, along with controls and electrical parts. A basic visit costs about $75 to $250, and more if repairs turn up.
  One visit; ask how long when you book · About $75 to $250 for a basic visit (varies by region) ____/____

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- [ ] **Disconnect hoses and winterize outdoor faucets** Freezing winters
  To winterize outdoor faucets, disconnect every hose before the first freeze, even from frost-free faucets. If the faucet has an indoor shutoff, close it, open the outside faucet, then open the bleeder cap to drain the line. Leave the outside faucet open all winter. A burst stem often stays hidden until spring. About 20 minutes · Free, unless you add faucet covers or a plumber ____/____
  Buy: Outdoor faucet covers — we recommend Frost King Foam Faucet Cover

- [ ] **Winterize the sprinkler system** Freezing winters / Lawn sprinklers
  To winterize a sprinkler system, shut off the irrigation water before the first hard freeze, then clear the lines by draining them or blowing them out with compressed air. Keep air under 80 PSI for PVC and 50 PSI for polyethylene, and never blow air through the backflow device. A pro typically charges about $59 to $144.
  About 1 to 2 hours · About $59 to $144 for a pro; compressor rental about $32 to $55 a day ____/____

- [ ] **Clear the basement window wells** A basement
  To clean window wells, scoop leaves and trash out of each one in fall, check that the gravel or drain takes water, and look for gaps at the foundation. If the window is a bedroom's escape route, any cover must lift off from inside without a key, tool or extra force. About 20 min · Free to clear; covers vary by size and type ____/____

- [ ] **Seal mouse entry points before cold weather**
  Mice can squeeze through a 1/4-inch hole, about the width of a pencil. To seal mouse entry points before cold weather, check the foundation, pipes, vents and doors, then fill gaps with steel wool held in by caulk, or with metal or cement for larger holes. Foam, wood and plastic alone won't stop them.
  An afternoon for a typical inspection and repairs · Steel wool, caulk and hardware cloth; prices vary ____/____

- [ ] **Seal drafts and replace weatherstripping**
  To seal drafts, find leaks at doors, windows, outlets, pipes and the attic hatch. Use weatherstripping on anything that moves, caulk for gaps up to 1/4 inch, and spray foam for gaps up to about 3 inches. If you have gas or oil appliances, get them tested, because sealing can pull exhaust back indoors.
  About 2 hours for doors and windows · Usually a few tubes of caulk plus weatherstrip; prices vary
  Buy: Bathroom and kitchen caulk — we recommend GE Supreme Silicone Kitchen & Bath Sealant, White, 10.1 oz
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- [ ] **Get a snow shovel and ice melt before the first storm** Freezing winters
  Before the first storm, buy your snow shovel and ice melt: a wide pusher, a lighter lifting shovel, a bag of ice melt and some sand or cat litter. Check the chemical on the bag. Concrete groups say not to use any deicer on concrete under a year old, and to avoid ammonium products on any concrete. About 20 min · Varies by shovel and bag size
  Buy: Snow shovels — we recommend Snow Joe Shovelution Strain-Reducing Snow Shovel
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- [ ] **Check every exterior light before the dark months**
  To check outdoor lights in fall, walk around your house at dusk and test every one, including motion sensors, dusk-to-dawn lights and timers. Replace dead bulbs, reset timers for the earlier sunset, and check that each fixture has the right wet or damp rating. Water inside a fixture or a burnt smell means calling an electrician.
  20 minutes · The price of replacement bulbs, which varies
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- [ ] **Put the mower away and test the snow blower** Freezing winters
  To winterize a lawn mower after the last cut, add stabilizer and run the engine for 5 to 10 minutes, or drain the tank as your manual directs. Change the oil, clean the deck and store the mower somewhere dry. Then start the snow blower before the first storm, while a repair shop can still fit you in. About 1 hour · Fuel stabilizer, oil and any parts your manual calls for; prices vary
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7 Winter

- [ ] **Keep pipes from freezing in a cold snap** Freezing winters
  To keep pipes from freezing when the forecast nears 20°F, keep the heat steady, open cabinet doors on outside walls and let cold water drip from faucets on exposed pipes. Keep the house at 55°F or warmer if you leave. If a tap only trickles, leave it open and thaw the pipe gently from the faucet end.
  About 10 minutes before a cold night · Free, apart from a slightly higher water and heating bill
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- [ ] **Check for ice dams and attic frost** An attic / Freezing winters
  To check for ice dams after a cold snap with snow on the roof, look for thick ice along the eaves and uneven melting higher up. Then check the attic from the hatch for frost, damp boards and wet insulation. These signs mean house heat is reaching the roof. Fix them by sealing air leaks first, then adding insulation. About 15 minutes · Free to check
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8 Once a year

- [ ] **Test the well water** Must-do A private well
  Private wells aren't regulated by EPA, so the owner is responsible for safety. CDC says to test at least once a year for total coliform bacteria, nitrates, total dissolved solids and pH. 30 min to sample; 3–10 days for results · $50–300 per lab panel
  Buy: Home water test kits — we recommend Safe Home Lead in Drinking Water Test Kit, 2 Test (In-Lab)
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- [ ] **Clean the dryer vent** Must-do
  Failure to clean is the leading factor in home dryer fires (34% per USFA). You don't know when the previous owner last cleaned the vent run, and plastic or foil ducts are a known hazard. 45–60 min · $20–40 DIY brush kit; $100–200 for a pro
  Buy: Dryer vent cleaning kits — we recommend Gardus LintEater Rotary Dryer Vent Cleaning System
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- [ ] **Refresh the emergency kit** Must-do
  Ready.gov recommends one gallon of water per person per day for several days, a several-day food supply, radio, flashlight, first aid and tools to shut off utilities. A new address also means new local hazards. 2 hours · $100–250
  Buy: Emergency weather radios — we recommend Midland WR120B / WR120EZ NOAA Weather Alert Radio
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- [ ] **Have the chimney inspected** Must-do A fireplace or wood stove
  NFPA 211 calls for chimneys, fireplaces and vents to be inspected every year; creosote, nests and cracked liners cause fires and CO. Heating is the #2 cause of home fires (about 32,200 heating fires in 2021). 1–2 hours · $150–400 inspection/sweep
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- [ ] **Clear the 5-foot zone around the house** Must-do Wildfire area
  Embers pile up at the base of walls. IBHS recommends a 0–5 ft noncombustible zone around the house (including under attached decks), and Ready.gov says keep a fire-resistant zone at least 30 ft out.
  1–2 days · $100–1,000 depending on landscaping
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- [ ] **Restock the first aid kit**
  The Red Cross publishes a first aid kit list for a family of four, including 25 adhesive bandages, compress dressings, gloves, an emergency blanket and a thermometer. 30 min · $30–60
  Buy: First-aid kits — we recommend Johnson & Johnson All-Purpose Portable First Aid Kit (140 pieces)
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- [ ] **Review the family emergency plan**
  A new neighborhood means new evacuation routes, shelters and alert systems. Ready.gov's plan covers how you'll get alerts, where you'll shelter, your evacuation route and how you'll reconnect. 1 hour · Free
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- [ ] **Have gas appliances checked for venting** Gas appliances or gas heat
  Blocked or disconnected flues on furnaces, boilers and water heaters are a common CO source. CPSC says have the heating system professionally inspected every year, including chimneys and flues. 1–2 hours · $100–250
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- [ ] **Prepare for hurricane season** Hurricane area
  Ready.gov says know your evacuation zone and route. NWS says permanent storm shutters give windows the best protection; 5/8-in exterior plywood is the fallback. Half day · $300–1,500 plywood/brace; shutters $$$
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- [ ] **Review the annual escrow statement** A mortgage
  Property taxes are often reassessed after a sale, so the first annual escrow analysis can show a shortage and a higher payment. Servicers must refund surpluses of $50+ within 30 days of the analysis. 30 min · Free
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- [ ] **Gather mortgage interest and property tax records** A mortgage
  Mortgage interest on up to $750,000 of acquisition debt and property taxes (within the $40,000 SALT cap for 2025, $40,400 for 2026) may be deductible if you itemize; points on a purchase may be deductible in the year paid. 30 min · Free
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- [ ] **Update your home inventory and insurance**
  A room-by-room inventory with photos and serial numbers speeds up claims; NAIC recommends reviewing coverage at least once a year and updating after renovations. 1–2 hrs · Free
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- [ ] **Test the water pressure**
  Plumbing codes require a pressure-reducing valve when static pressure exceeds 80 psi; high pressure stresses supply lines, fixtures and appliance hoses. 10 min · $10–15 for a gauge
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- [ ] **Inspect the attic for leaks, pests and blocked vents** An attic
  Once or twice a year, use this attic inspection checklist: go up with a flashlight and check the roof deck around chimneys, vents and valleys for stains. Look for droppings, nests and chewed wires, confirm that soffit vents are clear, and trace each bath fan duct to the outdoors. Stop if you see vermiculite or knob-and-tube wiring. 30 minutes · Free
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- [ ] **Exercise every water shutoff valve**
  Exercise water shutoff valves once or twice a year by turning each one fully closed and fully open, starting with the main. Go slowly, stop if a valve resists, and check the stem for drips afterward. A valve that won't move or won't stop the water should be replaced before a leak forces the issue.
  Depends on how many valves you have; plan a quiet morning · Free if every valve works; plumber's rates if one needs replacing
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- [ ] **Test the T&P valve and check the anode rod**
  To test a T&P valve, A. O. Smith's manual says to operate it by hand at least once a year, with no one near the discharge pipe. Water should flow, then stop when the lever closes. Inspect the anode rod within three years of installation, then yearly. Have a plumber replace a valve that won't reset. About 15 minutes for the valve; anode check varies · Free to test; plumber fees vary
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- [ ] **Clean the refrigerator condenser coils**
  To clean refrigerator coils, unplug the fridge, take off the bottom grille or pull it from the wall, then vacuum and brush them. A federal lab guide says every 6 to 12 months, and a GE manual says yearly. Whirlpool says most homes need it only with pets or heavy dust, and some models need no cleaning.
  About 20 min · Free with a vacuum; coil brushes are sold at appliance parts stores
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- [ ] **Get an annual whole-home maintenance check**
  An annual home maintenance inspection is a checkup of the roof, structure, plumbing, electrical and HVAC for people who already own their home. It works like a pre-purchase inspection, and one provider puts the price at around $350. Book one every year or two, depending on the home's age, or walk the house yourself with a checklist.
  2 to 3 hours · Around $350 for a pro (varies); free if you do it yourself
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- [ ] **Clean faucet aerators and showerheads**
  To clean a faucet aerator, unscrew it, soak it in a cup of white vinegar for 20 to 30 minutes, scrub it gently with a toothbrush, rinse and screw it back on. Treat a showerhead the same way. EPA says to clean aerators regularly, because sediment and lead particles can collect in the screen. About 30 min · Free if you have vinegar at home ____/____

- [ ] **Check caulk, handrails and door hardware**
  Once a year, walk the house and press on every caulk joint, shake every handrail and try every door. Replace caulk when it's cracked or pulling away. Tighten loose screws. A stair rail should sit 34 to 38 inches high under model code, so call a carpenter if it won't stay firm. 1–2 hrs · Varies; caulk and basic tools ____/____

9 Every few years

- [ ] **Replace smoke alarms every 10 years** Must-do
  Smoke alarms wear out: USFA and NFPA say replace them 10 years from the manufacture date printed on the back, not the purchase date. Sellers rarely replace them. 30–60 min · $20–40 per alarm ____/____
  Buy: Smoke alarms — we recommend Kidde Smoke Alarm, 10-Year Battery Powered (DETECT series)

- [ ] **Retest for radon** A basement
  Radon varies by day and season; a long-term (90+ day) test gives a better year-round average than the 2-day test at inspection. EPA also says retest after major remodeling or HVAC changes. ____/____
  10 min setup; 90+ days · $25–50 kit or $100–250 digital monitor
  Buy: Radon test kits — we recommend Kansas State University short-term radon test kit

- [ ] **Have the septic system inspected (and pumped if due)** A septic system
  EPA says to have a septic tank pumped about every 3 to 5 years, and to have the system inspected regularly. Its advice on inspections ranges from every 1 to 3 years up to every 3 to 5. A common rule of thumb is to pump when solids reach two-thirds of the tank's volume. One visit · About $250 to $500 for routine service; varies by region and tank size ____/____

- [ ] **Deep clean the carpets**
  The Carpet and Rug Institute recommends hot-water extraction every 12–18 months; most carpet warranties require it, and you don't know when the seller last did it. 3–6 hrs + dry time · $100–300 for a whole home pro clean (varies) ____/____

- [ ] **Reseal shower and floor grout**
  Drop water on the grout. If it soaks in instead of beading, it's time to reseal. To reseal grout, clean it, repair any cracks, let it dry, then brush on a penetrating sealer and wipe the tile within about 10 minutes. Most showers need this about once a year. ____/____
  About 2 hours plus curing time · One bottle of penetrating sealer and an applicator; prices vary

- [ ] **Wash the siding and deck, and reseal the deck**
  To clean and seal a deck, wash it yearly with a wide fan tip at moderate pressure, moving with the grain. If water soaks in rather than beading, let the wood dry and reseal it. Sealer life ranges from one year to several, depending on the product. Wash siding gently, following its maker's care guide. 1 to 2 days · Varies with deck size, cleaner and sealer choice ____/____

- [ ] **Have the sewer line camera-inspected**
  A sewer camera inspection sends a waterproof camera down your main line to spot roots, sags, cracks and collapses. It usually takes 30 minutes to an hour and costs about $125 to $350 through an inspector, or $150 to $500 through a plumber. Always ask for the full video. About 30 minutes to 1 hour on site · About $125 to $500 ____/____

- [ ] **Have the electrical panel checked**
  In an electrical panel inspection, a licensed electrician checks your panel's breakers, connections, labeling and load, usually for about $110 to $230. Guidance on timing differs. One electrical contractor suggests every 3 to 5 years, and more often for homes over 40 years old, recently bought homes or any panel showing warning signs. ____/____
  One visit; depends on panel size and access · About $110 to $230 for a panel check

Gear list

What the tasks call for. Why we chose each one: newhousechecklist.com/buying-guides/

	WHAT	BEST FOR MOST HOMES	BEST VALUE
☐	**Step ladders** For: Test, replace and add smoke alarms	Louisville Ladder 6-Foot Fiberglass Cross Step Ladder	Gorilla Ladders 2-Step Aluminum Step Stool Ladder
☐	**HVAC air filters** For: Replace the HVAC filter and record its size	Filtrete Healthy Living Elite Allergen Reduction, MPR 2200 (MERV 13), 1-inch	Aerostar Allergen & Pet Dander MERV 11 Pleated Air Filter
☐	**Extension ladders** For: Clean gutters and check they drain	Werner 28-ft Fiberglass Extension Ladder with GlideSafe	—
☐	**Gutter cleaning tools** For: Clean gutters and check they drain	Orbit Telescoping Gutter Cleaning Wand	Amerimax Home Products Gutter Getter Scoop
☐	**Outdoor faucet covers** For: Disconnect hoses and winterize outdoor faucets	Frost King Foam Faucet Cover	—
☐	**Bathroom and kitchen caulk** For: Seal drafts and replace weatherstripping	GE Supreme Silicone Kitchen & Bath Sealant, White, 10.1 oz	DAP Kwik Seal Plus Premium Kitchen & Bath Adhesive Caulk, White
☐	**Caulk guns** For: Seal drafts and replace weatherstripping	Newborn Octogun 930-GTD Hex Rod Cradle Caulking Gun	—
☐	**Snow shovels** For: Get a snow shovel and ice melt before the first storm	Snow Joe Shovelution Strain-Reducing Snow Shovel	True Temper 18-Inch Mountain Mover Poly Snow Shovel
☐	**Pet-safe ice melt** For: Get a snow shovel and ice melt before the first storm	Safe Paw Pet-Safe Salt-Free Ice Melt	—
☐	**Home water test kits** For: Test the private well before closing	Safe Home Lead in Drinking Water Test Kit, 2 Test (In-Lab)	—
☐	**Dryer vent cleaning kits** For: Clean the dryer vent and replace foil duct	Gardus LintEater Rotary Dryer Vent Cleaning System	—
☐	**Emergency weather radios** For: Build a Ready.gov emergency kit	Midland WR120B / WR120EZ NOAA Weather Alert Radio	Midland ER210 Portable Emergency Crank Weather Radio
☐	**Flashlights and lanterns** For: Find the electrical panel and label the breakers	ThruNite Archer 2A V3	—
☐	**First-aid kits** For: Stock a family first aid kit	Johnson & Johnson All-Purpose Portable First Aid Kit (140 pieces)	—
☐	**Smoke alarms** For: Test, replace and add smoke alarms	Kidde Smoke Alarm, 10-Year Battery Powered (DETECT series)	Kidde Smoke Alarm, AA Battery Powered (DETECT series)
☐	**Smoke + CO combo alarms** For: Test, replace and add smoke alarms	First Alert 10-Year Battery 2-in-1 Smoke and CO Alarm with Slim Profile Design	—
☐	**Radon test kits** For: Test for radon	Kansas State University short-term radon test kit	—

Important numbers and places

HVAC filter size _____ **Furnace / AC model** _____

Water heater model + year _____ **Smoke alarm install dates** _____

Last chimney sweep _____ **Last septic pumping** _____

HVAC service company _____ **Gutter / roof contractor** _____