* **Monthly**
* **Clean or replace HVAC filters.**
* **Clean the kitchen drain/garbage disposal.** – Use a mix of baking soda and vinegar to clean the drain. If you have a disposal, grind up lemon peels, orange peels or ice. This will help to eliminate odors and stuck on foods.
* **Inspect each fire extinguisher in your home.** Make sure the pin and tamper seal are intact; verify that the pressure reading is still in the proper range, and that there’s no visible damage to any part of the extinguisher.
* **Spring**
* **Install a fresh set of batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.** If you have the new detectors with 10-year batteries, you don’t need to do this.
* **Test (and dust) detectors to ensure they’re in good working order.**
* **Inspect the caulk in your kitchen and bathrooms; re-caulk where needed.**
* [**Vacuum your refrigerator’s coils**](https://www.myfrugalhome.com/how-to-vacuum-refrigerator-coils/)**.**
* **Schedule an air conditioning inspection** (or perform your own inspection). Be sure to [clean your AC Condensate drain to prevent clogs](https://www.myfrugalhome.com/how-to-clean-a-clogged-ac-condensate-drain-line/).
* **Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter** to remove grease and prevent fires.
* **Inspect your deck.** Hammer or screw down any nails that are sticking up. Then, clean and re-seal the wood to extend it’s life (if needed).
* **Inspect exterior paint (on house and outbuildings), and do touch-ups as needed.**
* **Inspect siding/masonry.** Make repairs and re-caulk around windows and doors as needed.
* **Remove and store storm windows, and install screens.** (if applicable)
* [**Repair**](https://www.myfrugalhome.com/how-to-patch-a-window-screen/)**or**[**replace damaged window screens**](https://www.myfrugalhome.com/how-to-replace-a-window-screen/)**.**
* **Inspect your roof for damage.** Look for broken, missing or loose shingles and roof leaks. Also, check the roof on any outbuildings.
* **Inspect the attic for signs of leaks or pests.**
* **Inspect outdoor play equipment for safety issues.** Look for loose bolts, broken equipment and active wasp or bee nests. Address any issues found.
* **Clean out your gutters.**
* **Prune shrubs.** Spring-flowering shrubs should be pruned after they’ve bloomed. Summer-flowering shrubs should be pruned before they’ve bloomed.
* **Schedule your yearly septic tank inspection.** (if applicable)
* **Summer**
* **Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter** to remove grease and prevent fires.
* [**Vacuum your refrigerator’s coils**](https://www.myfrugalhome.com/how-to-vacuum-refrigerator-coils/)**.**
* **Reverse your ceiling fans.** They should be running counter-clockwise.
* **Inspect your foundation for drainage issues.** Look for clogged downspouts, grading problems, etc.
* **Inspect the basement and/or crawl space for moisture issues.** Address anything you find.
* **Inspect inside and outside your home for insect activity.** Check for termites, ants, carpenter bees, wasps, etc.)
* **Fall**
* **Install a fresh set of batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.** If you have the new detectors with 10-year batteries, you don’t need to do this.
* **Test (and dust) detectors to ensure they’re in good working order.**
* **Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter** to remove grease and prevent fires.
* **Drain the sediment from hot water heater.** If you have a tankless hot water heater, flush the sediment from the lines, instead.
* [**Vacuum your refrigerator’s coils**](https://www.myfrugalhome.com/how-to-vacuum-refrigerator-coils/)**.**
* **Insulate all exposed pipes** to improve the efficiency of your home.
* **Schedule an annual furnace inspection** (or perform the inspection yourself).
* **Remove (or cover) window air conditioning units.**
* **Schedule a chimney inspection and cleaning.** (if applicable)
* **Remove and store window screens; install storm windows.** (if applicable)
* **Shut off the outdoor water supply, and store hoses for the season.**
* **Inspect your roof for damage.** Look for broken, missing or loose shingles and roof leaks. Also, check the roof on any outbuildings.
* **Clean out your gutters.**
* **Inspect the caulk around all windows and doors; recaulk as needed**
* **Trim trees and shrubs to ensure nothing is touching the house.**
* **Inspect your deck for any nails or screws that have worked there way out.** Hammer or screw them back down.
* **Clean your outdoor furniture; then, cover or store it for the season.**
* **Winter**
* **Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter** to remove grease and prevent fires.
* **Test GFCI outlets in kitchens, bathrooms and laundry room.**
* [**Vacuum your refrigerator’s coils**](https://www.myfrugalhome.com/how-to-vacuum-refrigerator-coils/)**.**
* [**Clean your dryer vent**](https://www.myfrugalhome.com/how-to-clean-a-dryer-vent/) to prevent a dryer fire.
* **Check all sinks and toilets for leaks,** and make any necessary repairs.
* **Inspect the hoses on your washing machine, dishwasher and ice maker for leaks,** and replace as needed. [Here’s how to replace your washing machine hose](https://www.myfrugalhome.com/how-to-replace-washing-machine-hoses/).
* **Reverse your ceiling fans.** They should be running clockwise.
* **Test your sump pump** to ensure it’s still functioning properly.

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