

# Homeowner's Guide to Home Maintenance Programs in the PNW

A homeowner checklist for Home Maintenance Programs

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## Spring Checklist (Exterior Prep)

- Clean gutters of any winter debris and spring propeller seeds.
- Gently wash siding with a soft brush and hose, avoiding pressure washers.
- Inspect deck and patios for loose boards, rot, or peeling stain.
- Check all window and door caulk for cracks or gaps.
- Repair any tears or holes in window screens.
- Turn on exterior hose bibs and check for leaks.
- Test your sprinkler system and adjust heads.

## Fall Checklist (Prepare for Rain)

- Perform a thorough gutter and downspout cleaning after most leaves have fallen.
- From the ground, visually check the roof for moss buildup or damaged shingles.
- Disconnect, drain, and store all garden hoses.
- Shut off water to exterior hose bibs to prevent freezing.
- Schedule a professional furnace tune-up.
- Change your furnace filter.
- Check weatherstripping on all exterior doors.

## Year-Round Interior Checklist

- Test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly.
- Change detector batteries every 6-12 months.
- Change your furnace/HVAC filter every 3 months (or as recommended).
- Clean your dryer vent hose and exterior vent cap annually.
- Check under all sinks for small drips or signs of moisture.
- Test your main water shutoff valve to ensure it operates smoothly.
- Review your crawlspace or attic annually for moisture, pests, or insulation issues (if safe).

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