



The Homeowner's Top "To-Do" CALENDAR

For the ongoing safety, efficiency and livability of your home, put these maintenance projects on the top of your list.

JANUARY

Organize your home improvement files.

Review warranties and product manuals and jot service reminders in your calendar.

APRIL

Clean out rain gutters.

Collect leaves and debris for compost and use a garden hose to flush out remaining debris from downspouts.

JULY

Paint.

Tackle either indoor or outdoor projects now, when the weather is warm and the paint will dry quickly.

OCTOBER

Make sure your windows and entryways are ready for winter.

Carefully inspect weather-stripping around doors and windows. Repair or replace as necessary.

FEBRUARY

Schedule an energy audit with the utility company.

Repairing energy leaks can save significantly on your utility bills all year round.

MAY

Clean your windows.

Clean screens by laying them flat and scrubbing with a soft bristle brush. Wash windows inside and out.

AUGUST

Clean major appliances.

Use a vacuum with a narrow nozzle to clean your refrigerator's condenser coils. Vacuum behind the washer and dryer and clean under the range hood.

NOVEMBER

Prepare your kitchen for the holidays.

Deep-clean your stove, oven and refrigerator. Organize the food pantry and kitchen storage areas.

MARCH

Check for moisture in your crawl space, garage or other storage areas.

If you see a problem, have a professional resolve it quickly before mould or mildew sets in.

JUNE

Prepare the patio for summer.

Clean and fix outdoor furniture and umbrellas. Inspect and clean your gas grill thoroughly.

SEPTEMBER

Check your heating system.

Inspect filters, pilot lights and burners, and clean and vacuum dust from vents, baseboard heaters and cold-air returns.

DECEMBER

Prep for festivities.

Then take the rest of the month off. December is busy enough without a maintenance project to worry about. Go ahead – put it off until January.

