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# 12 Month *Homeowner* *Checklist*

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# 12 MONTH HOMEOWNER CHECKLIST

## JANUARY

- STORE CHRISTMAS DECOR IN LABELED BINS
- REPLACE SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES
- CLEAN OUT THE FRIDGE AND WIPE DOWN SHELVES
- REPLACE SHOWER CURTAIN LINERS
- WIPE DOWN FAN BLADES
- WASH DUVET COVERS AND SHEETS
- ORGANIZE DRESSER DRAWERS AND CLOSETS
- REPLACE BURNT OUT LIGHT BULBS
- DEEP CLEAN THE OVEN AND WASHING MACHINE
- REMOVE DUST FROM AIR VENTS
- MAKE A LIST OF ITEMS YOU NEED TO STOCK UP ON
- MAKE A LIST OF HOME GOALS

## APRIL

- RE-PAINT YOUR FRONT DOOR
- RE-ARRANGE FURNITURE FOR A NEW VIEW
- DISINFECT DOOR KNOBS AND LIGHT SWITCHES
- WIPE DOWN REMOTE CONTROLS
- WASH ALL SHEETS AND BLANKETS
- MAKE YOUR HOME A CALMING PLACE
- ORDER A PLANT TO BRING LIFE TO YOUR SPACE
- WIPE DOWN PATIO FURNITURE
- WASH BATHROOM RUGS
- CLEAN HARD TO REACH PLACES
- DIFFUSE ESSENTIAL OILS FOR A CLEAN SCENT
- START A GARDEN AND PLANT FLOWERS

## FEBRUARY

- WIPE DOWN BASEBOARDS
- DUST BLINDS
- WASH SHOWER CURTAINS
- DEEP CLEAN FLOORS
- FIX ANY CLOGGED DRAINS
- DEEP CLEAN SHOWERS AND TUBS
- CHECK FOR LINT BUILD UP IN YOUR DRYER
- REFRESH AND ORGANIZE THE LAUNDRY ROOM
- ORGANIZE THE SPICE CABINET
- MAKE A LIST OF MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES YOU NEED
- LIST OF WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR HOME

## MAY

- DEEP CLEAN FLOORS
- MAKE A "NO SHOES INDOORS" RULE AND STICK TO IT
- BUY PLANTS TO USE AS NATURAL DETOXIFIERS
- REPLACE WATER FILTERS
- BUY A COTTON SHOWER LINER
- WIPE DOWN LIGHT BULBS AND LIGHT FIXTURES
- SWITCH TO ALL NATURAL CLEANING PRODUCTS
- D-I-Y YOUR OWN NON-TOXIC ALL PURPOSE CLEANER
- SWITCH TO DRYER BALLS INSTEAD OF DRYER SHEETS
- CLEAN AIR VENTS AND REPLACE FILTER
- CLEAN INSIDE DRAWERS AND CABINETS

## MARCH

- WASH LINENS
- WASH WINDOWS AND PUT ON SCREENS
- SPOT CLEAN FURNITURE
- SWAP OUT YOUR FRONT DOOR MAT FOR SPRING
- FLIP MATTRESSES
- CLEAN KITCHEN BACKSPLASH
- CLEAN OUT AND WIPE DOWN CABINETS
- CLEAN UNDER APPLIANCES
- ORGANIZE PANTRY, THROW OUT EXPIRED PRODUCTS

## JUNE

- SCHEDULE OUTDOOR PROJECTS
- PLANT BEE FRIENDLY FLOWERS
- PAINT SOMETHING A POP OF COLOR
- POWER WASH YOUR DECK AND PATIO FURNITURE
- SERVICE YOUR SPRINKLERS
- CLEAN BETWEEN YOUR WINDOWS AND SCREENS
- CLEAN YOUR GRILL GRATES
- INSTALL SCREEN DOORS
- LIGHTEN UP DECOR - EX. BREEZY CURTAINS
- CELEBRATE HOMEOWNERSHIP

# JULY

- CLEAN EXTERIOR LIGHTS
- LIGHTEN UP LINENS - OPT FOR CRISP WHITE
- ADD SHADE TO THE YARD - PERGOLA/ UMBRELLA
- UPGRADE HOME SECURITY FOR SUMMER TRAVEL
- CHECK WINDOW SCREENS FOR HOLES
- GRILL HOMEMADE VEGETABLES
- HAVE A BONFIRE AND ROAST MARSHMALLOWS
- BUY SLIPCOVERS FOR PATIO FURNITURE
- REFURBISH A PIECE OF FURNITURE
- HAVE AN OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
- STAY ON TOP OF POOL MAINTENANCE
- MAKE A RECIPE WITH VEGGIES FROM THE GARDEN

# AUGUST

- CLEAN AND STORE SUMMER ESSENTIALS
- CLEAN BATHROOM VENT FAN
- CLEAN REFRIGERATOR COILS
- CLEAN CARPETS + FLOORS TO GET RID OF SAND/ DIRT
- ORGANIZE THE GARAGE AND ADD SHELVING
- CLEAN THE GUTTERS
- PREP CLOSETS FOR FALL WARDROBES
- GET CHAIR COVERS AND OUTDOOR STORAGE READY
- CHOP WOOD FOR FALL BONFIRES
- CLEAN OUT THE SUMMER SHOE SHELF
- RUN SPRINKLERS TO KEEP THE YARD GREEN
- CHECK EMERGENCY KITS - REFILL FIRST AID SUPPLIES

# SEPTEMBER

- CHANGE THE OIL IN THE LAWN MOWER
- SERVICE YOUR HVAC SYSTEM
- INSPECT FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
- CLEAN GARAGE AND GARAGE DOOR TRACKS
- INSPECT THE CHIMNEY FOR LOOSE FLASHING OR MISSING MORTAR
- HAVE YOUR CHIMNEY CLEANED AND INSPECTED
- MAKE SURE WINDOWS ARE SEALED TIGHT
- SCHEDULE FURNACE MAINTENANCE
- CLEAN LEATHER FURNITURE
- PLANT MUMS IN POTS BY THE FRONT DOOR
- STOCK UP ON YOUR FAVORITE FALL CANDLE SCENTS

# OCTOBER

- CLEAN YOUR DRYER VENTS
- SEAL YOUR OUTDOOR SURFACES
- FEED AND SEED YOUR LAWN
- INSPECT AND CLEAN OUT YOUR GUTTERS
- CAULK CRACKS AND GAPS ON EXTERIOR
- REPLACE WORN WEATHER STRIPPING + THRESHOLDS
- VISIT A PUMPKIN PATCH OR APPLE ORCHARD
- GIVE YOUR FRONT PORCH A FALL MAKEOVER
- CHECK CARBON MONOXIDE AND SMOKE DETECTORS
- START PLANNING AND SAVING FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS

# NOVEMBER

- CHECK PATHS, STAIRS AND RAILINGS FOR SAFETY
- DEEP-CLEAN BATHROOMS
- CHECK BATHTUB CAULK AND REPAIR IF NEEDED
- REMOVE THE LAST OF THE FALL LEAVES.
- RESTOCK EMERGENCY KITS FOR CAR AND HOME
- CLEAN GARBAGE DISPOSAL
- LUBRICATE DOOR LOCKS
- CLEAN (AND FLIP) ALL YOUR MATTRESSES
- GET A HEAD START ON YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING
- MAKE A DONATION TO YOUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY
- ORDER HOLIDAY CARDS + UPDATE YOUR CONTACT LIST

# DECEMBER

- SWITCH OUT OLD LIGHT BULBS WITH LED
- REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM WALKWAYS
- INSPECT/ UPGRADE ATTIC INSULATION + VENTILATION
- SET-UP A GIFT WRAPPING STATION
- INSPECT YOUR WINTER WEATHER SUPPLIES
- .PREPARE FOR POWER OUTAGES
- STOCK UP ON WATER, NON-PERISHABLES, CANDLES
- CHECK WEATHERSTRIPPING ON DOORS + WINDOWS
- HAVE YOUR FIREPLACE AND CHIMNEY CLEANED
- INSULATE EXPOSED WATER PIPES UNDER HOUSE
- DISCONNECT AND DRAIN GARDEN HOSES

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As a real estate agent, I manage transactions, but my real passion is helping people love where they live. I hope this guide feels less like a giant to-do list, and more like an opportunity to truly care for your most sacred place...home.



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