

Buying a home can be a stressful time, and can be made more intimidating if you're moving out of a family home or rental accommodation where it is now all on you to keep your house in top condition. It can feel like a never ending to-do list, so to make it a bit more manageable, we've created a home maintenance checklist to help keep you on track. Broken down by season and by frequency, you can tick off each of these tasks when the time comes round.

## Tasks by Season

| SPR | ING  |
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|     | Check the condition of your roof and chimney   |
|     | Clean your windows and check their condition   |
|     | Do a spring clean  |
|     | Clear the weeds and leaves from the garden   |
|     | Adjust your thermostat   |
| SUN | 1MER   |
|     | Clean garden furniture, decking, paths and patios, and tend to your lawn and plants                      |
|     | Paint any external surfaces such as fences, decking or doors   |
|     | Wash any upholstery such as duvets, pillows and curtains   |
|     | Check for leaks and reseal and regrout your bathroom   |
|     | Get your boiler serviced   |
| AUT | TUMN   |
|     | Keep on top of clearing leaves from pathways   |
|     | Check leaves and moss aren't blocking drainage from your guttering                                       |
|     | Ensure security lights are working and well placed   |
|     | Insulate your pipes to protect from cold weather   |
|     | Bleed all radiators to let out any air   |
| WIN | NTER   |
|     | Ensure you trap as much dirt in the entry of your home so it's not brought through the house             |
|     | Occasionally open windows, clear condensation and regularly check for damp                               |
|     | Following any harsh weather, check for any damage across the property                                    |
|     | Check your loft insulation and identify any other draught points   |
|     | $Carefully\ consider\ placement\ of\ plugs\ with\ additional\ seasonal\ lighting,\ and\ don't\ overload$ |
|     | outlets  |

## Frequent Home Maintenance Tasks

These are the tasks you'll need to complete fairly regularly (for example monthly) to ensure your home is safe and running as efficiently as possible.

- ☐ Check your boiler pressure and make sure it is topped up
- ☐ Smoke/carbon monoxide alarm test
- ☐ Clean dishwasher and top up salt
- ☐ Clean washing machine and tumble dryer, and remove any lint fluff
- ☐ Clean the fridge/freezer, throw anything that has passed its date and wipe everything down
- ☐ Clean the hood extractor filter from your stove
- ☐ Clean your oven and any trays that have built up grease
- ☐ Unclog and clean any sink drains in your home
- ☐ Check for signs of leaks and damp pay attention in particular to bathrooms and kitchens and around window sills







