



October Home Maintenance Checklist

Here's the ****October Home Maintenance Checklist**** broken down by week to help you stay organized and on top of your seasonal tasks:

Week 1: Weatherproofing & Safety Checks

1. Inspect Windows and Doors

- Check weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors.
- Replace worn or damaged seals to prevent drafts and save on energy bills.
- Add door sweeps to exterior doors for added insulation.

2. Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- Replace batteries in all detectors.
- Test each unit to ensure it's functioning properly, especially near bedrooms and common areas.

3. Reverse Ceiling Fans

- Set ceiling fans to rotate clockwise to push warm air down and improve heating efficiency.
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Week 2: Yard and Roof Maintenance

1. Rake Leaves and Clean the Yard

- Rake fallen leaves from your yard and garden beds to prevent mold and promote healthy grass.
- Trim trees and bushes, especially those near the house, to prevent damage from winter storms.

2. Inspect the Roof

- Check for loose, damaged, or missing shingles.
- Look for any signs of wear around chimneys, vents, and skylights.
- Consider a professional inspection if you notice potential issues.

3. Clean and Inspect Gutters

- Clear leaves, debris, and twigs from gutters and downspouts.
 - Ensure downspouts are directing water away from your foundation to prevent water damage.
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Week 3: Heating System and Fireplace Prep

1. Service Your Heating System

- Replace air filters in your furnace or HVAC system.
- Schedule a professional inspection to ensure the heating system is working efficiently for winter.

2. Clean and Inspect the Chimney and Fireplace

- If you have a wood-burning fireplace, schedule a chimney sweep to remove creosote buildup.
 - Check for blockages or cracks in the chimney and inspect the damper for proper operation.
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Week 4: Final Touches and Indoor Prep

1. Check Attic Insulation and Ventilation

- Inspect attic insulation to ensure it's adequate for colder temperatures.
- Check for any leaks, moisture, or signs of damage and pests in the attic.

2. Clean and Store Outdoor Furniture

- Clean and cover outdoor furniture, or store it indoors to protect it from the elements.
- Store or cover grills and other outdoor equipment.

3. Prepare Winter Supplies

- Stock up on de-icing materials, such as salt or sand, for walkways and driveways.
- Check that snow shovels and snow blowers are in good working condition, if applicable.

By breaking your tasks into weekly chunks, you'll be ready for the colder months without feeling overwhelmed. Let me know if you'd like to tweak any of the tasks!



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