

# Winter

## Home Maintenance Schedule

The changing seasons bring excitement and important seasonal maintenance tasks that can get forgotten. When there's a chill in the air, keep these home maintenance tasks top of mind:

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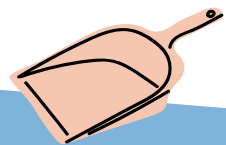
- Clean faucet aerators.
- Inspect caulking and grout in kitchens and bathrooms.
- Check for excess lint behind your dryer and schedule a professional cleaning for your dryer vent and other exhaust vents.
- Vacuum refrigerator coils.
- Descale showerheads.
- Check all locks, deadbolts, and latches for proper operation.
- Clean and inspect basement.
- Have the carpets professionally steam cleaned.

### Quarterly

- Check fire extinguisher expiration dates.
- Test garage door auto-reverse feature.
- Check water softener (if applicable).
- Check GFCI outlets.
- Service generator (if applicable).
- Inspect and change furnace filters.
- Inspect exterior accent lighting.

### Biannually (twice a year)

- Flush hot water heater and remove sediment.
- Check batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Operate the water heater relief valve and ensure water flows from overflow valve.
- Test sump pump for proper operation.



Use this checklist to get in a seasonal home maintenance routine that keeps your home in great shape. Just remember to do what works best for you. If you need a helping hand, contact any of the Neighborly home service brands for results you can trust.