

## Home Maintenance Checklist

# Preparing Your Home for Holiday Guests

The holidays have arrived! Now is the time to get your house “guest-ready” for this special season. With so much to do, you’d probably rather enjoy a holiday movie with your family and let the professionals do the work for you. Neighborly’s home service brands offer everything you need to get your home ready for the holidays from top to bottom.

Whether your gatherings are small or large, remote or in town, they will still require some effort. Let our friendly home service professionals at Neighborly give you your free time back so you can enjoy the holidays to the fullest. Browse all our home services and get matched with a local Neighborly company on the Neighborly App.

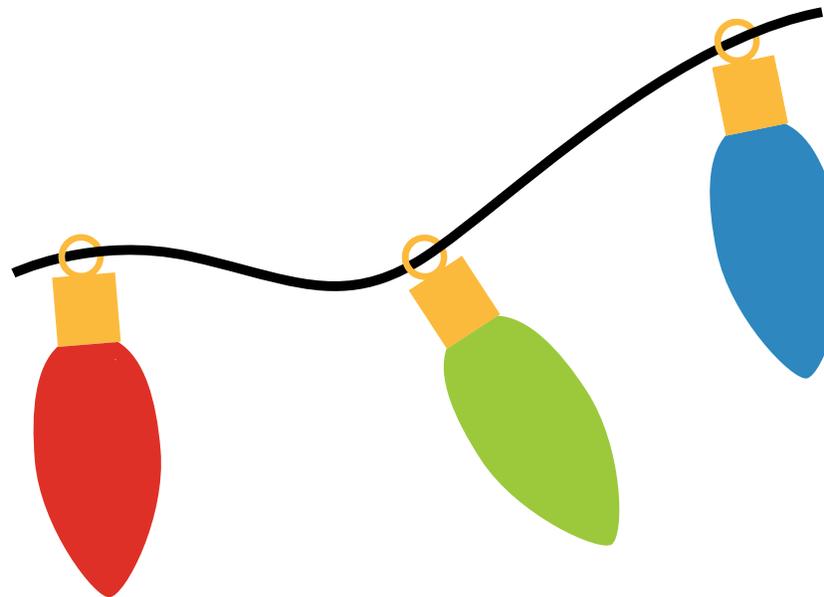
Here is a helpful checklist to prepare your home for holiday guests.

## Inside the Home

- Check windows and doors for air leaks to prevent unwanted cold air from sneaking inside.
- Clean lint traps and dryer vent to accommodate additional laundry loads.
- Save time and treat your home with a professional deep cleaning prior to guests’ arrival.
- Install a HEPA filter to increase indoor air quality in your home.
- Switch your fans to clockwise to pull cold air up, forcing warm air downward.
- Keep kitchen appliances in tip-top condition so they can handle all the cooking. Clean and replace any filters in under cabinet exhaust hoods.
- Remove creosote and soot from chimneys before the fall and winter holidays.
- Have any rental home properties professionally serviced for the upcoming season.
- Remove pet odors, allergens, and debris from your carpets so your guests are comfortable.
- Paint your cabinets to transform and modernize your entire kitchen space.
- Have your dishwasher’s food trap emptied and cleaned to help your dishwasher function more efficiently, reduce the needs for repairs, reduce odors and get your dishes cleaner.
- Let an electrical service professional help you choose smart home devices and hubs to buy and install in your home.
- Service your furnace before cold weather arrives.

## Outside the Home

- Boost curb appeal and make a great first impression with new seasonal landscaping.
- Illuminate walkways with outdoor lighting for guests as they come and go.
- Continue mosquito control service while temperatures remain above 50 degrees to ensure a comfortable outdoor space for guests.
- Allow a professional to expertly install and remove your holiday lighting and décor for fun without the fuss.
- Remove leaves from the top of the roof and gutter system to allow for proper water drainage.



Do you need assistance with any of the home maintenance items on your list? We’re here to help. Visit [neighborly.com](https://neighborly.com) or download the Neighborly App to explore our services and connect with a local Neighborly pro.