

Summer Months

home maintenance monthly checklist

Interior

- Clean the range-hood filter. Run the filter through the dishwasher and clean the fan blades. Clean appliances.
- Purge out one gallon of water from your hot water tank as per your owner's manual to ensure proper efficiency.
- Check water softener salt barrel and replenish salt if necessary.
- Check for lint in the clothes dryer vent and clean if necessary.

Hire a Professional

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- If your home is vacant for an extended period of time make sure that the main water valve is turned off and ensure that the home is secure.
- Check electrical appliances and extension cords for frayed wires or loose connections. Replace as necessary.
- Check all windows and door locks to ensure correct functioning. Make sure all locks are secure and there are no holes in any of the screens.

Exterior

- If you have a paver path, brush polymeric sand in the joints to lock the pavers in place and prevent weeds from invading.
- Vacuum/brush off debris from exterior of the outside compressor of the air conditioner. Have the biannual service done by a professional. Also, change out all of your air filters.
- Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean chimneys if necessary.
- Trim back any trees or shrubs that have grown too close to the house.
- Inspect the exterior of your house for moisture and water damage.
- When watering, be sure water is not sprayed on the house.

Fact or Fiction

Small cracks in your brick exterior can be ignored.

-Fiction *Water, by capillary action, will enter a small crack faster and easier than a big crack.*