



## Zooby Do List, A Monthly Home Maintenance Checklist

Keeping up with home maintenance doesn't have to be overwhelming. **Following this month-by-month checklist** helps prevent expensive repairs and keeps your home safe and running efficiently.

Zooby can do many of these tasks for you. Please contact us through [Zooby.com](https://zooby.com) or call us at (855) 33 ZOOBY or 855-339-6629 to arrange a flat-rate quote for your home's monthly maintenance.

### January – Start the Year Right

- ✓ **Clean Refrigerator Air Filters** – Ensures efficient cooling and reduces energy costs. Dirty filters cause higher bills and shorten the refrigerator's lifespan.
- ✓ **Replace Refrigerator Water Filter** – Provides clean drinking water and prevents clogs. A neglected filter can result in contaminated water or reduced water flow.
- ✓ **Clean Vent Hood Filter** – Maintains kitchen air quality by removing grease and other contaminants. Skipping this increases fire risk and reduces ventilation efficiency.
- ✓ **Furnace Safety Check** – Ensures safe operation and prevents carbon monoxide leaks. A faulty furnace can lead to dangerous gas leaks or heating failures.
- ✓ **Clean HVAC Drain Line** – Prevents water damage and mold growth. Clogs can cause HVAC malfunctions and costly repairs. **[Zooby doesn't do this service]**
- ✓ **Check for Pests** – Identifies infestations early to prevent damage. Failing to address this can lead to structural problems and health risks.

### February – Deep Clean & Inspect

- ✓ **Clean Garbage Disposal** – Prevents clogs and odors. Food debris can accumulate and block drains, resulting in costly plumbing issues.
- ✓ **Sanitize Washing Machine** – Eliminates bacteria and mold. A dirty washing machine leads to musty-smelling clothes and ineffective cleaning.



- ✓ **Clean Dishwasher Tub & Filter** – Keeps dishes sanitized and prevents buildup. A dirty filter reduces efficiency and leads to cloudy dishes.
- ✓ **Replace Air Filters** – Improves indoor air quality and HVAC performance. Clogged filters strain the system, resulting in increased energy costs.
- ✓ **Water Softener Check** – Prevents mineral buildup in pipes and appliances. Neglecting this can cause scaling and blockages.
- ✓ **Check for Leaks** – Identifies plumbing issues before they worsen. Small leaks can lead to mold growth and structural damage.
- ✓ **Clean Dryer Vent** – Prevents lint buildup, which is a significant fire hazard. Blocked vents cause dryers to overheat and work inefficiently.

## March – Prepare for Warmer Weather

- ✓ **Clean AC Drain Line** – Prevents mold and water damage. A clogged line can cause water backup and system failure. **[Zooby doesn't do this service]**
- ✓ **Clean Air Vent Grates** – Improves airflow and reduces allergens. Dirty vents lower air quality and can restrict circulation.
- ✓ **Dust Furnace Coils** – Enhances heating efficiency. Dust buildup forces the furnace to work harder, increasing energy costs.
- ✓ **Check Outdoor Faucets for Leaks** – Saves water and prevents pipe damage. Unfixed leaks can lead to higher bills and water damage.
- ✓ **Clean Window Screens** – Improves air quality and keeps pests out. Dusty screens block airflow and make windows look dirty.

## April – Exterior & Weatherproofing

- ✓ **Inspect Siding** – Detects early signs of damage. Cracks and holes can allow moisture to enter, leading to the growth of mold and rot.
- ✓ **Check Windows for Cracks or Drafts** – Prevents heat loss and improves energy efficiency. Gaps around windows cause higher heating and cooling costs.



- ✓ **Inspect Roof** – Identifies leaks and missing shingles before they worsen. Small issues can turn into expensive repairs.
- ✓ **Power Wash Exterior** – Removes dirt, mold, and stains to maintain curb appeal. Neglecting this can lead to long-term surface damage.
- ✓ **Check for Leaks** – Prevents water damage. Unnoticed leaks can cause major structural issues over time.
- ✓ **Check for Pests** – Protects your home from infestations. Ignoring pest problems can result in costly extermination and repairs.

## May – Appliance & Plumbing Maintenance

- ✓ **Clean Garbage Disposal** – Prevents food buildup and odors. A clogged disposal can cause backups in the kitchen sink.
- ✓ **Sanitize Washing Machine** – Keeps clothes fresh and free from bacteria. A dirty washing machine can cause laundry with an unpleasant smell.
- ✓ **Clean Dishwasher Tub & Filter** – Ensures clean dishes and maintains efficiency. A clogged filter can lead to poor drainage and ineffective cleaning.
- ✓ **Replace Air Filters** – Maintains indoor air quality and HVAC efficiency. Dirty filters increase energy costs and reduce airflow.
- ✓ **Water Softener Maintenance** – Prevents scaling in appliances and pipes. Failing to address this issue can result in reduced water pressure and damage to the plumbing.
- ✓ **Check for Leaks** – Helps detect plumbing issues early. A small leak can cause mold growth and costly repairs if left unchecked.
- ✓ **Clean Dryer Vent** – Removes lint buildup and prevents fire hazards. Blocked vents reduce dryer efficiency and increase the risk of fire.

## June – Summer Prep & Home Cooling

- ✓ **Replace Refrigerator Filters** – Ensures clean drinking water. Old filters lead to poor taste, potential contamination, and reduced water flow.



- ✓ **Lubricate Garage Door Parts** – Prevents wear and tear. Without lubrication, garage door springs, rollers, and hinges can wear out faster, leading to costly repairs.
- ✓ **Clean Fridge Condensers** – Improves efficiency and lifespan. Dusty coils cause the fridge to work harder, leading to overheating and higher electricity bills.
- ✓ **Clean AC Coils** – Ensures effective cooling. Dirty coils reduce the AC's efficiency, making it harder to maintain a cool home. **[Zooby doesn't do this service]**
- ✓ **Clean HVAC Drain Line** – Prevents system failure and mold growth. A clogged drain line can lead to leaks and water damage.
- ✓ **Clean and Inspect Outdoor Furniture** – Extends furniture life. Weather exposure can cause cracking, rust, or mold buildup.
- ✓ **Check for Leaks** – Saves water and prevents structural damage. Hidden leaks can lead to higher water bills and the growth of mold.

## July – Mid-Year Safety & Organization

- ✓ **Clean Vent Hood Filter** – Prevents grease buildup and fire hazards. A clogged vent hood filter reduces ventilation, increasing the risk of kitchen fires.
- ✓ **Test GFCI Outlets** – Ensures electrical safety. Faulty outlets can increase the risk of electrical shocks and fires.
- ✓ **Clean Ceiling Fans** – Reduces dust and improves air quality. Dusty fan blades spread allergens throughout your home.
- ✓ **Organize Storage Areas** – Improves accessibility and safety. A cluttered storage area can pose fire hazards and make it difficult to locate essential items.
- ✓ **Descale Ice Maker** – Prevents mineral buildup and keeps ice clean. Calcium and lime deposits can clog the machine, affecting the quality of the ice.
- ✓ **Check for Pests** – Detects and prevents infestations. Uncontrolled pest issues can cause structural damage and health risks.

## August – Home System Tune-Up



- ✓ **Clean Garbage Disposal** – Eliminates food buildup and odors. Unclean disposals can attract pests and cause plumbing blockages.
- ✓ **Sanitize Washing Machine** – Prevents bacteria growth and bad smells. A dirty washing machine can leave residue on clothes and spread mold.
- ✓ **Clean Dishwasher Tub & Filter** – Ensures clean dishes and improves efficiency. A dirty dishwasher can cause poor drainage and inefficient cleaning.
- ✓ **Replace Air Filters** – Maintains healthy air quality and HVAC efficiency. Clogged filters cause your system to work harder, resulting in higher energy bills.
- ✓ **Replace Refrigerator Filters** – Keeps drinking water fresh. Old filters can introduce bacteria and contaminants into your water.
- ✓ **Clean Fridge Condensers** – Prevents overheating and breakdowns. Dirt buildup can make the compressor overwork, shortening its lifespan.
- ✓ **Treat AC Drain Lines** – Stops mold and algae growth. A neglected drain line can cause blockages and water damage. **[Zooby doesn't do this service]**
- ✓ **Inspect Exterior for Damage** – Identifies needed repairs before they worsen. Small cracks and gaps in siding or foundation can let in pests and moisture.
- ✓ **Clean Dryer Vent** – Prevents fire hazards and improves dryer efficiency. Lint buildup can cause the machine to overheat and increase drying times.
- ✓ **Check for Leaks** – Detects plumbing issues early. Leaks can cause significant water damage if left untreated.

## September – Cold Weather Prep

- ✓ **Water Softener Maintenance** – Prevents scale buildup and improves water quality. Hard water can damage appliances and leave mineral deposits on plumbing fixtures.
- ✓ **Chimney Inspection** – Ensures fireplace safety before winter. A blocked chimney can lead to the buildup of carbon monoxide and pose a fire hazard.
- ✓ **Test Carbon Monoxide Detectors** – Protects against gas leaks. Faulty detectors may not alert you to dangerous carbon monoxide levels.



✓ **Check Weather Stripping on Windows and Doors** – Reduces energy waste. Gaps in weather stripping allow drafts and lead to increased heating costs.

✓ **Prepare for Freezing Weather** – Protects pipes and outdoor fixtures. Neglecting this can lead to frozen pipes and costly repairs.

## October – Full Winterization & Safety Checks

✓ **Descale Tankless Water Heaters** – Ensures efficient heating. Mineral deposits can clog the system and reduce water temperature.

✓ **Flush Tank Water Heaters** – Removes sediment buildup. Sediment can reduce efficiency and cause corrosion inside the tank.

✓ **Inspect Wall Insulation (FLIR Camera for Older Homes)** – Detects heat loss and drafts. Poor insulation leads to high heating bills and discomfort.

✓ **Check for Leaks – Prevents Hidden Water Damage.** Small leaks can lead to mold growth and wood rot.

✓ **Furnace Check** – Ensures reliable heating for winter. A malfunctioning furnace can leave you without heat during freezing temperatures.

✓ **Replace Smoke Detector Batteries** – Keeps fire safety systems functional. Dead batteries make smoke detectors useless in an emergency.

✓ **Check for Pests** – Prevents infestations before they start. As temperatures drop, pests seek warmth inside your home.

## November – Pre-Holiday Maintenance & Safety

✓ **Clean Garbage Disposal** – Keeps the system running smoothly. Food buildup can lead to clogged drains and foul odors.

✓ **Sanitize Washing Machine** – Prevents bacterial growth. A neglected washer can spread germs to clothing.

✓ **Clean Dishwasher Tub** – Ensures dishes stay clean. Built-up residue can cause cloudy glassware and unpleasant smells.



- ✓ **Clean Dishwasher Filter** – Improves efficiency and prevents clogging. A blocked filter reduces water drainage, allowing food particles to remain.
- ✓ **Replace Air Filters** – Maintains air quality and energy efficiency. Dirty filters reduce airflow, making your HVAC system work harder.
- ✓ **Clean Dryer Vents** – Prevents fire hazards. Lint buildup is a leading cause of house fires.
- ✓ **Clean Water Inlet Filter (Washing Machine)** – Ensures proper water flow. A clogged inlet filter can prevent water from entering the machine correctly.
- ✓ **Identify Water Shut-Off Valve** – Prepares for plumbing emergencies. Knowing its location allows you to quickly stop the water flow in case of a leak.
- ✓ **Clear Debris Around Shut-Off Areas** – Prevents obstructions. Leaves, dirt, and clutter can make it difficult to access shut-off valves in the event of an emergency.

## December – Winter Safety & Freeze Protection

- ✓ **Water Softener Maintenance** – Ensures efficient operation and prevents buildup. A poorly maintained water softener may lead to hard water issues.
- ✓ **Test Holiday Lights for Safety** – Prevents electrical hazards. Damaged wires can cause short circuits and fires.
- ✓ **Replace Remote Control Batteries** – Ensures uninterrupted use of devices. Dead batteries in key remotes can be frustrating and inconvenient.
- ✓ **Confirm Freeze Preparations** – Protects pipes from bursting. Uninsulated pipes are at high risk of freezing and cracking.
- ✓ **Check for Leaks** – Detects potential issues early. Leaks in winter can freeze and cause further damage.
- ✓ **Check Drafts Around Windows and Doors** – Reduces heating costs. Drafty windows and doors increase energy bills.
- ✓ **Clean Gutters to Prevent Ice Dams** – Stops roof damage and leaks. Clogged gutters can cause water to freeze, creating ice dams that damage shingles.



## Additional Annual & Seasonal Tasks

- ✓ **Clean Septic Tank (Every 3-5 Years)** – Prevents backups and costly damage. Neglected tanks can overflow, resulting in costly repairs. **[Zooby doesn't do this service]**
- ✓ **Test Well Water Quality (Annually, If Applicable)** – Ensures safe drinking water. Unchecked wells can be contaminated with harmful bacteria. **[Zooby doesn't do this service]**
- ✓ **Inspect & Clean Bathroom Exhaust Fans (Annually)** – Improves ventilation. Dirty fans reduce airflow and increase humidity.
- ✓ **Check & Repair Grout/Caulking (Annually)** – Prevents water damage. Cracked grout lets moisture seep into walls and floors.
- ✓ **Rotate and Flip Mattresses (Every 6 Months)** – This helps extend mattress life and improve comfort. Uneven wear can lead to sagging and poor sleep.
- ✓ **Inspect & Clean Crawl Spaces (Annually)** – Identifies moisture issues. Damp crawl spaces can lead to mold and pest infestations.
- ✓ **Clean & Organize Garage (Annually)** – Prevents clutter and safety hazards. A messy garage makes it more difficult to locate tools and equipment.

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