Your Home Maintenance Checklist

This checklist is a starting point to help you keep your home in shape. However, your home may require additional maintenance or may not need everything on this list.

Exterior and Structural Maintenance

- [ ] Inspect the roof for missing shingles, leaks or damaged flashing
- [ ] Check siding, brick, stucco and exterior paint for deterioration
- [ ] Examine the foundation for cracks or moisture
- [ ] Clean and repair gutters and downspouts
- [ ] Inspect windows and exterior doors for drafts or water intrusion
- [ ] Repair decks and porches
- [ ] Evaluate driveways and walkways for cracks
- [ ] Trim trees and branches near the roof, siding or utility lines

Plumbing and Water Protection

- [ ] Check sinks, toilets and showers for leaks
- [ ] Inspect exposed pipes for corrosion or damage
- [ ] Test the sump pump and backup system
- [ ] Check the basement and attic for water stains, mold or moisture
- [ ] Inspect water heaters for leaks and sediment buildup
- [ ] Confirm that exterior drainage directs water away from the home's foundation
- [ ] Repair any damaged caulking around sinks, tubs, showers, trim and fixtures

Electrical and Safety Systems

- [ ] Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors
- [ ] Replace expired alarms and batteries
- [ ] Inspect outlets, switches and electrical panels for damage
- [ ] Confirm that kitchens, bathrooms and exterior areas have appropriate protected outlets
- [ ] Check extension cords and power strips for overloading

Heating, Cooling and Energy Efficiency

- [ ] Inspect heating and cooling systems for maintenance needs
- [ ] Replace HVAC filters
- [ ] Inspect ductwork
- [ ] Seal drafts around windows and doors
- [ ] Evaluate attic insulation
- [ ] Clean and inspect exhaust fans
- [ ] Inspect fireplaces and chimneys

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