

Turning your
house into
your dream
home

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DOING IT RIGHT

With help from D4 Construction

Keep Your Home Safe!

Protect your ROI

Performing regular home maintenance is the best way to protect what is likely your largest investment – your home.

It's vitally important to make regular maintenance a habit whether you tackle a few tasks at a time or several at once.

We tend to think of home maintenance as seasonal work but there are several things that need to be looked after on a more regular basis throughout the year.

Following are some lists of monthly, quarterly and seasonal tasks to think about. If you can't look after them yourself— find someone to help you—or to do them for you. When it comes to your home a few dollars spent now could save you thousands at a later date.

Monthly:

1. Test GFI plugs— electrical plugs – with red and black test buttons – normally found in bathrooms or outdoors
2. Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors – replace batteries if needed

3. Keep sink drains running freely by pouring in a mixture of baking soda and vinegar
4. Vacuum furnace filter, or replace as necessary
5. Pour water down any little used drains to prevent funky odors
6. If you have small children make sure all electrical plugs are still protected with their safety covers.
7. Check for safety hazards such as lifting linoleum - carpet or loose handrails

Quarterly:

1. Vacuum under the refrigerator and dust the condenser
2. Check plumbing fixtures for leaks
3. Drain a few gallons from the hot water heater to minimize problems caused by sediment.
4. Check sump pumps for corrosion

The Maintenance Seasons

Fall:

Time to prepare your home for the coming winter

Doing it Right



Creating a regular maintenance schedule can keep little problems—small!

- ⇒ Clean and repair gutters
- ⇒ Check old exterior caulking
- ⇒ Check the outside of your home carefully for any problems

Winter:

Time for indoor work

- ⇒ Check caulking and grouting in tubs and showers
- ⇒ Clean the dishwasher
- ⇒ Check electrical plug and switch covers

Spring:

Time to assess winter's ravages

- ⇒ Replace damaged shingles
- ⇒ Repair torn screens
- ⇒ Clean up decks

Summer:

Indoor and outdoor tasks to accomplish

- ⇒ Check all your walkways and steps

Be regular:

Creating a regular maintenance schedule can stop, catch, or at least minimize, many common and costly problems. Consider taking pictures of various parts of your home, such as your roof, to help you assess and keep an eye on any changes.

In the coming months we will look at some of these areas in more detail.

Upcoming Topics

⇒ Spring maintenance

⇒ Summer maintenance

⇒ Your roof

For more information:

If you are interested in protecting the value of your home, turning your house into your dream home or simply have remodeling questions or needs—call Mike Spruyt at 572-4812

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