



# Maintaining Your Home

## Homeowner checklist

Your home is probably one of the biggest purchases you will ever make, so keeping it in good condition is essential to protecting your health, safety, and investment. Maintaining the value of your home is incredibly important. You could lose money when it's time to sell or refinance if you don't make efforts to maintain your home's value, and repairs could cost more in the long run. Use this checklist to ensure you're keeping up with interior and exterior maintenance.

### Exterior Maintenance

- Regularly spray for insects or contract with a pest control company
- Clean gutters and downspouts to keep them free of debris
- Keep siding and trim clean and painted to prevent rot
- Check seals of windows and doors to prevent drafts
- Take care of the lawn
- Maintain the safety of decks, porches, and stairs
- Ensure proper ventilation to avoid mold growth

### Interior Maintenance

- Replace the furnace filter
- Clean vents
- Fix dripping faucets and running toilets
- Make sure the sump pump drains properly and the tank is pumped regularly (if you have these)
- Ensure that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working
- Keep appliances and fixtures in working order

This checklist is for educational purposes only. Be sure to check for maintenance needs specific to your area.