

CheatSheet: Maintain A House In US

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1.1 YouTube Channels

Name	Summary
Organization or companies	YouTube: Lowe's Home Improvement, YouTube: This Old House
Handy man	YouTube: Home Repair Tutor, YouTube: How2Plumb

1.2 Smart Home

Name	Summary
Philips Hue	
Amazon Echo 3rd generation	
Ring Alarm	Base station, keypad, motion detector, contact sensor, range extender
Ring Alarm Motion Sensor	
Ring Alarm range extender	Help to make sure devices communicate well with base station

1.3 Checklist For Regular Maintenance

- Weekly

Name	Summary
Move garbage bin to the street	YouTube: Household Waste Collection Services
Yard & Garden Work	
Decluttering the house	
Refill paper tower, toilet paper, tissue paper	
Refill hand soap, oil to small bottles	
Reference	YouTube: Jonny DIY, YouTube: This Old House

- Monthly

Name	Summary
Check for the crack in the walls or foundations	
Check leaks for all sinks	
Mop the wooden floor	
Spray home for pest control	

- Quarterly

Name	Summary
Change heater filter	
Change refrigerator water filter	

1.4 Recurring Shopping List

Name	Summary
Refrigerator water	Amazon: 4396710 Refrigerator Water
Disinfecting wipes	Amazon: Clorox Disinfecting Wipes, Bleach Free Cleaning Wipes

1.5 Change Address After Closing The Deal

Name	Summary
Change all credit/debit card address	
Change address in company HR system	
Change address for auto insurance policy	
Form A-11 for immigrants	Most non-U.S. report a change of address within 10 days of moving

1.6 Roof

Name	Summary
Roof Gutter	YouTube: How to Repair a Leaky Gutter
Tree branches overhanging the roof	

1.7 Floor

Name	Summary
Wood Floors is squeaky	YouTube: Repair Squeaky Wood Floors
Wood Floor is chipped	YouTube: How to Patch a Chipped Wood Floor

1.8 Pest control

Name	Summary
Termites/white ants	YouTube: Termites
Spray Home for pest control	YouTube: Spray Home Like A Pest Control Pro
Kill ants	YouTube: How to Get Rid of Ants: Guaranteed Ant Control in Home & Yard
Kill ants - utilize ant baits & traps	YouTube: TOP 5 Ways to Get Rid of Ants Around Your Home, YouTube: ALL NATURAL
Kill ants - seal entry points	YouTube: TOP 5 Ways to Get Rid of Ants Around Your Home
Reference	YouTube: How To Do Your Own Home Pest

1.9 Kitchen

Name	Summary
Faucet is leaking	YouTube: How to Repair a Leaking Faucet
Kitchen sink is leaking	

1.10 Machine Maintenance

Name	Summary
Dish washer	
Laundry	
Dryer	
AC(air conditioner)	

1.11 Lighting & Electric

Name	Summary
Lamp doesn't work	
GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter)	

1.12 Toilet

Name	Summary
Toilet is leaking	YouTube: How to Repair a Leaking Toilet

1.13 Wall

Name	Summary
Patch a Hole	YouTube: How to Patch a Hole in Wood Trim
Side wall is leaking	

1.14 Yard Maintenance

Name	Summary
Big trees in your yard	

1.15 Foundation Crack

Name	Summary
Reference	YouTube: Repair a Crack

1.16 Buy A House

Name	Summary
Check noises	activities from public facilities, 4 lane speedway
Check natural lights	Check the house in a rainy or cloudy days
Check public school	Good public schools secure your investment
Check the neighborhood	Check nearby grocerstore, coffee shop
Get Pre-approve letter for mortgage	2 years' working experience, Need 3 credit lines

1.17 Setup After Moving

Name	Summary
Electric & Gas service setup online payment	
Garbage service setup online payment	
Water service setup online payment	

1.18 Terminology For Buying A House

Name	Summary
Process	Pre-approval -> Home inspection -> Underwriting -> Closing Disclosure -> Escrow -> Fund
Verification of employment (VOE)	Review the employment history of a borrower, to determine his/her job stability
Verification of Rent (VOR)	VOR with payment shock lower than 5% is considered a strong compensating factor by lender
US 30 Year Mortgage Rate	Link: ycharts

1.19 More Resources

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