

Home Maintenance Tasks

Organized by Climate Zone and Month

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Southwest

Climate Zone: Arid/Desert

January - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Monitor heating system for cool season
- Check weatherstripping and insulation
- Inspect exterior for UV and heat damage
- Test carbon monoxide detectors
- Check attic insulation
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for occasional freeze protection
- Check heating system for winter use
- Inspect for winter wind damage
- Check pool heating systems if applicable
- Monitor humidity levels (winter air is very dry)

February - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin early spring preparation
- Check irrigation and water systems
- Inspect exterior paint for UV damage
- Check pool and spa equipment
- Clean and maintain outdoor areas

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for increasing UV exposure
- Check water conservation systems
- Inspect for wind and dust damage
- Monitor for pest activity increase
- Check outdoor electrical connections

March - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin spring cleaning and maintenance
- Service air conditioning system early
- Check and clean outdoor equipment
- Inspect deck and outdoor structures

- Maintain landscaping and irrigation
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare cooling system for heat season
- Check dust and sand filtration systems
- Monitor water usage and conservation
- Inspect for increasing pest activity
- Check outdoor UV protection measures

April - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Complete air conditioning preparation
- Deep clean interior before heat season
- Check attic ventilation and insulation
- Maintain pool and outdoor systems
- Inspect exterior for heat preparation

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for extreme heat season
- Check cooling system capacity
- Monitor dust storm preparation
- Check water systems for increased demand
- Inspect outdoor equipment heat protection

May - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin peak cooling season preparation
- Monitor air conditioning efficiency
- Maintain outdoor living spaces
- Check pool and water systems
- Inspect exterior heat protection
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for extreme heat (100°F+)
- Check cooling system for peak demand
- Monitor dust and sand infiltration
- Check water conservation measures
- Inspect heat-resistant exterior materials

June - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak air conditioning season begins
- Monitor energy efficiency
- Maintain pool and cooling systems
- Check attic ventilation
- Inspect outdoor equipment protection
- Flush water heater

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak heat season preparation (110°F+)
- Monitor air conditioning capacity
- Check monsoon season preparation
- Inspect dust storm damage prevention
- Check outdoor water and cooling systems

July - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak summer heat maintenance
- Monitor cooling system performance
- Check monsoon damage prevention
- Maintain pool and outdoor systems
- Inspect heat stress on home materials
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monsoon season preparation
- Monitor extreme heat effects (115°F+)
- Check flash flood preparation
- Monitor dust storm and wind damage
- Check cooling system during peak demand

August - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue peak heat maintenance
- Monitor monsoon damage
- Check cooling system efficiency
- Maintain outdoor equipment protection
- Inspect for heat and UV damage

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak monsoon season vigilance
- Monitor flash flood risks
- Check extreme heat protection measures
- Monitor dust and debris cleanup
- Check cooling system during storms

September - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue monsoon season vigilance
- Monitor cooling system performance
- Check for summer damage
- Maintain outdoor areas
- Begin gradual fall preparation
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Late monsoon season monitoring
- Check heat stress damage from summer
- Monitor for flash flood damage
- Check dust and debris accumulation
- Continue extreme heat protection

October - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin transition to cooler season
- Check heating system preparation
- Clean and maintain outdoor areas
- Inspect exterior for summer damage
- Check pool heating systems
- Shut off outside house spigots

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- End of extreme heat season
- Check UV and heat damage repairs
- Monitor for pleasant weather maintenance
- Check dust and sand cleanup
- Prepare for mild winter conditions

November - Priority: MEDIUM**Seasonal Tasks:**

- Enjoy pleasant weather for maintenance
- Check heating system for winter
- Complete exterior maintenance
- Check weatherproofing
- Maintain outdoor living areas
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Optimal weather for outdoor maintenance
- Check heating system for cool season
- Monitor for mild winter preparation
- Check dust and allergen control
- Inspect for reduced pest activity

December - Priority: MEDIUM**Seasonal Tasks:**

- Monitor heating system performance
- Check holiday decorations and lighting
- Maintain mild winter conditions
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check pool and spa heating

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for cool weather conditions
- Check heating system during cold snaps
- Prepare for occasional winter storms
- Monitor humidity levels (very dry)
- Check for minimal freeze protection

Southwest - Year-Round Tasks

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly
- Check HVAC filters frequently (dust/sand)
- Monitor water conservation systems monthly
- Check pool and cooling systems regularly
- Inspect for UV and heat damage quarterly

Southwest - Special Considerations

- Extreme heat management (100°F+ regularly)
- Monsoon season preparation (July-September)
- Water conservation and management
- UV and sun damage prevention
- Dust storm and sand infiltration control

Northeast

Climate Zone: Cold/Humid Continental

January - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Check heating system efficiency
- Inspect and clean fireplace/chimney
- Check for ice dams on roof
- Test carbon monoxide detectors
- Inspect weatherstripping on doors and windows
- Inspect furnace filter and replace if dirty
- Test GFCI outlets in kitchen, bathrooms, garage, and exterior
- Inspect sump pump (if applicable) — pour water to confirm it activates
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Remove snow from roof if excessive buildup
- Check pipes for freezing in unheated areas
- Ensure adequate insulation in attic and basement
- Monitor humidity levels (30-50%)
- Check for drafts around windows and doors

February - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Service heating system before peak winter ends
- Check attic insulation and ventilation
- Inspect roof for winter damage
- Test sump pump if applicable
- Check storm doors and windows
- Test GFCI/AFCI circuit breakers in electrical panel
- Inspect water heater for leaks and check temperature (~120°F)
- Flush toilets and sinks that aren't used often to prevent dry traps
- Check bathroom exhaust fans for proper airflow
- Inspect fire extinguishers for charge and expiration date

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for ice damage on gutters
- Check basement for moisture issues
- Ensure proper ventilation to prevent condensation
- Inspect exterior caulking
- Check for frozen pipe prevention measures

March - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin spring cleaning preparation
- Schedule HVAC system transition maintenance
- Inspect exterior for winter damage
- Check deck and patio for winter damage
- Test outdoor water spigots
- Test sump pump again before spring rains
- Test outdoor faucets for leaks once thawed
- Inspect foundation for cracks or water entry points
- Clean and test dryer vent and exhaust duct for airflow
- Check window screens for tears; repair before spring

- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Begin monitoring for spring flooding
- Check gutters and downspouts for winter damage
- Inspect driveway for frost heave damage
- Remove any remaining ice dam protection
- Check foundation for frost damage

April - Priority: MEDIUM**Seasonal Tasks:**

- Deep clean interior after winter
- Service air conditioning before summer
- Clean and inspect gutters
- Check exterior paint and siding
- Inspect roof shingles and flashing
- Test HVAC system (switch between heat and cooling modes)
- Schedule AC service/inspection before summer
- Test irrigation/sprinkler system for leaks and coverage
- Inspect deck, porch, and railings for rot or loose boards
- Check garage door auto-reverse safety feature
- Test safety lighting (motion sensor and exterior lights)

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Check for spring flooding in basement
- Inspect and clean storm drains
- Check grading around foundation
- Monitor for pest activity as weather warms
- Inspect outdoor furniture and equipment

May - Priority: MEDIUM**Seasonal Tasks:**

- Complete spring lawn care
- Clean and maintain outdoor equipment
- Inspect and clean deck/patio
- Check screens on windows and doors
- Service lawn mower and garden tools
- Test outdoor GFCI outlets with a tester
- Inspect and clean gutters and downspouts after spring pollen/debris
- Check lawn equipment (mower blades, fuel lines, spark plugs)
- Inspect fences and gates for stability
- Test window locks and lubricate if needed
- Check exterior caulking (windows, doors, siding, trim)
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Check air conditioning system before summer heat
- Inspect for pest entry points
- Clean outdoor HVAC unit
- Check irrigation system if applicable
- Inspect exterior wood for moisture damage

June - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Monitor air conditioning efficiency
- Inspect and maintain outdoor spaces
- Check attic ventilation for summer heat
- Clean and inspect swimming pool if applicable
- Maintain landscaping and irrigation
- Flush water heater
- Inspect attic ventilation fans and confirm proper airflow
- Test ceiling fans for wobble/balance
- Inspect plumbing under sinks for leaks
- Test outdoor water pressure and hoses for leaks
- Check pest control barriers and look for termite activity
- Inspect grout and caulking in showers, tubs, and sinks

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Ensure adequate cooling system capacity
- Check humidity levels and dehumidifier
- Inspect for summer storm damage preparation
- Monitor energy efficiency of cooling system
- Check outdoor electrical connections

July - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak air conditioning maintenance
- Monitor energy usage and efficiency
- Maintain outdoor living spaces
- Check and clean outdoor equipment
- Inspect deck and outdoor structures
- Test home security system and update codes if needed
- Inspect driveway and walkways for cracks
- Test outdoor drainage after heavy rain
- Check refrigerator door seals (paper test)
- Inspect pool equipment (if applicable) for safety and leaks
- Test garage door keypad and remotes
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor air conditioning filters frequently
- Check for proper attic ventilation
- Ensure adequate cooling system capacity
- Monitor for summer storm damage
- Check outdoor water systems

August - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue peak cooling system maintenance
- Prepare for fall transition
- Check exterior painting needs
- Maintain outdoor equipment and furniture
- Monitor lawn and garden irrigation
- Inspect roof shingles for summer storm damage
- Test HVAC performance (is the AC cooling properly?)
- Test water pressure regulator (should be ~40–60 psi)
- Inspect chimney exterior for cracks or leaning
- Check septic system filter/inspection port (if applicable)

- Flush garbage disposal with ice and vinegar to clean blades

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Check cooling system efficiency during peak heat
- Monitor humidity control systems
- Inspect for heat-related expansion damage
- Check outdoor electrical systems
- Prepare for potential severe summer weather

September - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin fall preparation tasks
- Schedule heating system service
- Clean and inspect gutters before autumn
- Check weatherstripping and caulking
- Prepare outdoor equipment for storage
- Test smoke/CO detectors again (quarterly)
- Test thermostat programming
- Inspect weatherstripping and door seals before cold weather
- Check attic for pests (rodents often enter in fall)
- Test outdoor handrails and steps for safety
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Transition HVAC from cooling to heating mode
- Check insulation before cold weather
- Inspect roof for summer damage
- Begin winterizing outdoor equipment
- Check foundation and basement for moisture

October - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Complete fall cleanup and preparation
- Service heating system for winter
- Clean gutters and install leaf guards
- Winterize outdoor water systems
- Turn off outside water sources
- Shut off outside house spigots
- Check and seal exterior gaps
- Test outdoor lighting (especially pathway and security lights)
- Test emergency generator if you have one
- Inspect fireplace and chimney flue; schedule cleaning if needed
- Test carbon monoxide detectors before heating season
- Check insulation around pipes to prevent winter freezing
- Test ground drainage with garden hose

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare heating system for cold weather
- Insulate pipes in unheated areas
- Check storm windows and doors
- Inspect chimney and fireplace for winter use
- Check outdoor equipment winterization

November - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Complete winter preparation
- Test heating system thoroughly
- Final exterior maintenance before cold
- Check insulation and weatherproofing
- Store outdoor furniture and equipment
- Test garage door auto-reverse safety again
- Inspect and clean gutters of fall leaves
- Test backup sump pump battery (if applicable)
- Inspect snow removal equipment (snowblower, shovels, salt)
- Test outdoor outlets (holiday lighting safety)
- Inspect weatherproofing on exterior doors/windows
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Ensure heating system is operating efficiently
- Check for drafts and air leaks
- Prepare for first freeze conditions
- Check emergency heating backup systems
- Monitor humidity levels as heating begins

December - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Monitor heating system performance
- Check holiday decorations safety
- Inspect and maintain fireplace
- Test carbon monoxide and smoke detectors
- Monitor energy usage and efficiency
- Check water heater pressure relief valve (carefully lift lever)
- Test indoor circuit breakers (flip each one to ensure not stuck)
- Inspect attic and crawl space for moisture or leaks
- Test furnace emergency shut-off switch
- Run whole-home safety drill (fire escape plan + extinguisher use)

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for winter storm conditions
- Check ice and snow removal equipment
- Monitor heating system during cold snaps
- Check for ice dam formation on roof
- Ensure adequate emergency supplies

Northeast - Year-Round Tasks

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly
- Check HVAC filters monthly
- Inspect plumbing for leaks quarterly
- Check electrical systems annually
- Professional HVAC service twice yearly
- Whole-home electrical inspection by electrician (every 3–5 years)
- Whole-home plumbing inspection (annually)
- Pest inspection (annually or as needed)
- Radon test (at least once, more if in high-risk area)
- Well water test (if applicable, annually)
- Septic inspection/pumping (every 3–5 years)
- Roof inspection (annually)

Northeast - Special Considerations

- Heavy snow load considerations for roof
- Ice dam prevention and removal
- Freeze protection for plumbing
- High humidity management in summer
- Storm preparation for nor'easters

Midwest

Climate Zone: Continental/Humid Continental

January - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak heating season maintenance
- Check heating system efficiency
- Inspect and clean fireplace/chimney
- Test carbon monoxide detectors
- Check insulation and weatherstripping
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for extreme cold effects on pipes
- Check for ice dams and roof snow load
- Ensure adequate heating system capacity
- Monitor humidity levels (winter air is dry)
- Check for drafts and heat loss

February - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue peak winter maintenance
- Service heating system
- Check attic insulation and ventilation
- Inspect storm doors and windows
- Monitor energy usage

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for potential severe winter weather
- Check ice and snow removal equipment
- Monitor heating system during cold snaps
- Check for winter damage to exterior
- Ensure proper ventilation during heating

March - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin spring transition planning
- Check HVAC system for seasonal change
- Inspect exterior for winter damage
- Begin spring cleaning preparation
- Check outdoor equipment for spring startup
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for spring flooding potential
- Check basement and foundation drainage
- Inspect roof for winter damage
- Begin severe weather season preparation
- Check sump pump operation

April - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Complete spring maintenance tasks
- Service air conditioning system
- Deep clean interior after winter
- Clean and inspect gutters
- Check exterior paint and maintenance needs

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for tornado season
- Check severe weather preparedness
- Monitor for spring flooding
- Inspect drainage systems
- Check storm shelter or safe room

May - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak tornado season preparation
- Complete outdoor maintenance
- Service lawn equipment and tools
- Check and maintain deck/patio
- Inspect screens and outdoor furniture
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak tornado season vigilance
- Check severe weather warning systems
- Prepare air conditioning for summer heat
- Monitor for hail and storm damage
- Check emergency supplies and communications

June - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin summer cooling season
- Monitor air conditioning efficiency
- Maintain outdoor living spaces
- Check attic ventilation
- Inspect and maintain pool if applicable
- Flush water heater

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Continue tornado season vigilance
- Prepare for summer heat and humidity
- Monitor cooling system capacity
- Check for severe weather damage
- Inspect outdoor electrical systems

July - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak summer heat maintenance
- Monitor energy efficiency
- Maintain cooling systems
- Check outdoor equipment and furniture
- Inspect for heat-related expansion
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor air conditioning during heat waves
- Check humidity control systems
- Prepare for potential severe summer storms
- Monitor energy usage during peak cooling
- Check heat stress on exterior materials

August - Priority: HIGH**Seasonal Tasks:**

- Continue peak summer maintenance
- Monitor cooling system performance
- Check and maintain outdoor areas
- Inspect exterior for summer damage
- Prepare for fall transition

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Continue monitoring extreme heat effects
- Check cooling system efficiency
- Monitor for late summer storms
- Check outdoor water systems
- Begin fall preparation planning

September - Priority: MEDIUM**Seasonal Tasks:**

- Begin fall preparation
- Schedule heating system service
- Check weatherproofing and insulation
- Clean gutters before autumn
- Inspect exterior maintenance needs
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for rapid temperature changes
- Transition HVAC systems for fall
- Monitor for early frost protection
- Check heating system before cold weather
- Inspect for summer damage repairs

October - Priority: HIGH**Seasonal Tasks:**

- Complete fall preparation
- Service heating system for winter
- Winterize outdoor water systems
- Turn off outside water sources
- Shut off outside house spigots
- Clean and maintain gutters
- Check storm windows and doors

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for first freeze
- Check insulation before cold weather
- Inspect heating system capacity
- Winterize outdoor equipment
- Check foundation and basement preparation

November - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Complete winter preparation
- Test heating system thoroughly
- Check insulation and weatherproofing
- Store outdoor furniture and equipment
- Check holiday decoration safety
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for cold winter conditions
- Check heating system efficiency
- Monitor for early winter storms
- Check ice and snow removal preparation
- Ensure emergency heating backup

December - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Monitor heating system performance
- Check holiday decorations and lighting
- Test carbon monoxide and smoke detectors
- Maintain winter preparations
- Monitor energy usage
- Check water heater pressure relief valve (carefully lift lever)
- Test indoor circuit breakers (flip each one to ensure not stuck)
- Inspect attic and crawl space for moisture or leaks
- Test furnace emergency shut-off switch
- Run whole-home safety drill (fire escape plan + extinguisher use)

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor heating during cold snaps
- Check for winter storm preparation
- Monitor ice and snow effects on home
- Check emergency supplies
- Ensure proper ventilation during heating

Midwest - Year-Round Tasks

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly
- Check HVAC filters monthly
- Inspect for seasonal weather damage quarterly
- Check sump pump operation seasonally
- Professional HVAC service twice yearly

Midwest - Special Considerations

- Tornado season preparation (April-June)
- Extreme temperature variations (-20°F to 100°F+)
- Severe winter weather preparation
- Flooding and severe storm management
- High seasonal HVAC demands

Mountain West

Climate Zone: High Desert/Alpine

January - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak winter heating season
- Check heating system efficiency
- Monitor for extreme cold effects
- Inspect fireplace and chimney
- Check insulation and weatherproofing
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Extreme cold weather preparation (-20°F+)
- Check for ice dam formation
- Monitor heating system during cold snaps
- Check altitude-specific considerations
- Monitor for winter storm damage

February - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue peak winter maintenance
- Check heating system performance
- Monitor energy usage efficiency
- Check attic insulation and ventilation
- Inspect for winter damage

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for extreme weather conditions
- Check snow load on roof structures
- Monitor heating efficiency at altitude
- Check for winter storm preparation
- Monitor for avalanche safety if applicable

March - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin spring preparation
- Check HVAC system transition
- Inspect exterior for winter damage
- Begin outdoor equipment preparation
- Check water systems for spring thaw
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for spring flooding from snowmelt
- Check foundation drainage systems
- Prepare for rapid weather changes
- Monitor altitude weather effects
- Check for spring storm preparation

April - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Complete spring maintenance
- Service air conditioning system
- Clean and inspect outdoor areas
- Check irrigation and water systems
- Inspect exterior paint and maintenance

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for spring storms and flooding
- Check wildfire preparedness
- Monitor for rapid temperature changes
- Check outdoor equipment for altitude
- Prepare for severe weather season

May - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin wildfire season preparation
- Complete outdoor maintenance
- Service lawn and garden equipment
- Check deck and outdoor structures
- Maintain outdoor living areas
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Begin wildfire season vigilance
- Check fire suppression systems
- Monitor drought conditions
- Check defensible space maintenance
- Prepare for altitude weather changes

June - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak wildfire season preparation
- Monitor air conditioning efficiency
- Maintain outdoor equipment
- Check pool and water systems
- Inspect fire-safe landscaping
- Flush water heater

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak wildfire season (June-September)
- Monitor fire danger at altitude
- Check air quality systems
- Monitor water usage and conservation
- Check emergency evacuation planning

July - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue wildfire vigilance
- Monitor cooling system efficiency
- Maintain fire-safe practices
- Check outdoor equipment protection
- Inspect air quality management
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak wildfire season continues
- Monitor for lightning-caused fires
- Check monsoon preparation in some areas
- Monitor air quality during fires
- Check altitude-specific fire risks

August - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue peak wildfire season
- Monitor cooling system performance
- Check for summer damage
- Maintain outdoor areas safely
- Prepare for fall transition

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak wildfire danger continues
- Monitor for dry lightning storms
- Check fire suppression readiness
- Monitor monsoon effects if applicable
- Check altitude weather monitoring

September - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue wildfire vigilance
- Begin fall preparation
- Check heating system preparation
- Monitor outdoor equipment
- Inspect exterior maintenance needs
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Wildfire season continues
- Prepare for rapid fall weather changes
- Monitor for early winter preparation
- Check altitude-specific fall risks
- Begin winter storm preparation

October - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- End wildfire season vigilance
- Complete fall preparation
- Service heating system for winter
- Check insulation and weatherproofing
- Winterize outdoor water systems
- Turn off outside water sources
- Shut off outside house spigots

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for rapid temperature drops
- Check heating system for altitude
- Monitor for early winter storms
- Prepare for potential extreme cold
- Check winter storm supplies

November - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Complete winter preparation
- Test heating system thoroughly
- Check winter emergency supplies
- Store outdoor equipment
- Check holiday decoration safety
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for extreme winter conditions
- Check heating efficiency at altitude
- Monitor for winter storm preparation
- Check emergency backup systems
- Prepare for potential isolation conditions

December - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Monitor heating system performance
- Check winter storm preparation
- Test emergency systems
- Monitor energy usage
- Check holiday safety measures

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak winter weather monitoring
- Check extreme cold preparations
- Monitor heating during severe weather
- Check emergency supplies access
- Monitor for winter storm effects

Mountain West - Year-Round Tasks

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly
- Check HVAC filters monthly (altitude effects)
- Monitor emergency supplies quarterly
- Check altitude-specific equipment annually
- Professional HVAC service twice yearly

Mountain West - Special Considerations

- Extreme temperature variations (-30°F to 100°F+)
- Wildfire season preparation (May-September)
- Altitude effects on HVAC and equipment
- Winter storm and isolation preparation
- UV exposure at high altitude

Southeast

Climate Zone: Humid Subtropical

January - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Service heating system during cooler months
- Check and clean fireplace if applicable
- Inspect weatherstripping
- Test carbon monoxide detectors
- Check attic insulation
- Inspect furnace filter and replace if dirty
- Test GFCI outlets in kitchen, bathrooms, garage, and exterior
- Inspect sump pump (if applicable) — pour water to confirm it activates
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for freeze protection of pipes
- Check humidity levels (winter can be dry)
- Inspect exterior for mild winter damage
- Ensure proper ventilation during heating season
- Check for pest activity (active year-round)

February - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin early spring preparation
- Check irrigation system for spring startup
- Inspect exterior paint and siding
- Clean and maintain lawn equipment
- Check deck and outdoor furniture
- Test GFCI/AFCI circuit breakers in electrical panel
- Inspect water heater for leaks and check temperature (~120°F)
- Flush toilets and sinks that aren't used often to prevent dry traps
- Check bathroom exhaust fans for proper airflow
- Inspect fire extinguishers for charge and expiration date

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for early spring weather changes
- Check air conditioning system before warm season
- Monitor for early pest activity
- Inspect drainage systems before spring rains
- Check outdoor electrical connections

March - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin spring cleaning and maintenance
- Service air conditioning system
- Clean and inspect gutters
- Check screens and outdoor areas
- Start landscaping and lawn care
- Test sump pump again before spring rains
- Test outdoor faucets for leaks once thawed
- Inspect foundation for cracks or water entry points
- Clean and test dryer vent and exhaust duct for airflow
- Check window screens for tears; repair before spring

- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare cooling system for warm weather
- Check for tornado season preparation
- Inspect for spring storm damage prevention
- Monitor humidity levels as weather warms
- Check foundation drainage

April - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Complete spring maintenance tasks
- Deep clean interior and exterior
- Service and test air conditioning
- Maintain outdoor living spaces
- Check pool and spa systems
- Test HVAC system (switch between heat and cooling modes)
- Schedule AC service/inspection before summer
- Test irrigation/sprinkler system for leaks and coverage
- Inspect deck, porch, and railings for rot or loose boards
- Check garage door auto-reverse safety feature
- Test safety lighting (motion sensor and exterior lights)

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for severe weather season
- Check cooling system capacity
- Monitor for increased pest activity
- Inspect exterior for weather damage
- Check hurricane/storm preparedness supplies

May - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak air conditioning preparation
- Complete outdoor maintenance
- Check and maintain pool systems
- Inspect deck and outdoor structures
- Maintain landscaping systems
- Test outdoor GFCI outlets with a tester
- Inspect and clean gutters and downspouts after spring pollen/debris
- Check lawn equipment (mower blades, fuel lines, spark plugs)
- Inspect fences and gates for stability
- Test window locks and lubricate if needed
- Check exterior caulking (windows, doors, siding, trim)
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Ensure air conditioning system is ready for heat
- Check humidity control systems
- Prepare for hurricane season
- Monitor for summer storm damage prevention
- Check outdoor water and electrical systems

June - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak cooling season maintenance
- Monitor air conditioning efficiency
- Maintain pool and outdoor systems
- Check attic ventilation
- Inspect for heat-related expansion
- Flush water heater
- Inspect attic ventilation fans and confirm proper airflow
- Test ceiling fans for wobble/balance
- Inspect plumbing under sinks for leaks
- Test outdoor water pressure and hoses for leaks
- Check pest control barriers and look for termite activity
- Inspect grout and caulking in showers, tubs, and sinks

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Hurricane season preparation
- Check cooling system capacity for extreme heat
- Monitor humidity and mold prevention
- Inspect for storm damage preparation
- Check emergency generator if applicable

July - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak summer maintenance
- Monitor energy efficiency
- Maintain cooling systems
- Check and clean pool systems
- Inspect outdoor equipment
- Test home security system and update codes if needed
- Inspect driveway and walkways for cracks
- Test outdoor drainage after heavy rain
- Check refrigerator door seals (paper test)
- Inspect pool equipment (if applicable) for safety and leaks
- Test garage door keypad and remotes
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak hurricane season vigilance
- Monitor air conditioning during extreme heat
- Check for heat stress on exterior materials
- Monitor humidity and moisture control
- Inspect storm shutters and protection

August - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue peak summer maintenance
- Monitor cooling system performance
- Maintain outdoor living areas
- Check pool and spa equipment
- Inspect exterior for heat damage
- Inspect roof shingles for summer storm damage
- Test HVAC performance (is the AC cooling properly?)
- Test water pressure regulator (should be ~40–60 psi)
- Inspect chimney exterior for cracks or leaning
- Check septic system filter/inspection port (if applicable)

- Flush garbage disposal with ice and vinegar to clean blades

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak hurricane season preparation
- Monitor extreme heat effects on home
- Check moisture and humidity control
- Inspect for storm damage prevention
- Check cooling system efficiency

September - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue hurricane season vigilance
- Maintain cooling systems
- Begin gradual fall preparation
- Check exterior maintenance needs
- Inspect pool and outdoor equipment
- Test smoke/CO detectors again (quarterly)
- Test thermostat programming
- Inspect weatherstripping and door seals before cold weather
- Check attic for pests (rodents often enter in fall)
- Test outdoor handrails and steps for safety
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak hurricane season continues
- Monitor for storm damage and preparation
- Check cooling system as heat continues
- Inspect drainage and water management
- Monitor for continued pest activity

October - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin transition to cooler weather
- Check heating system preparation
- Clean gutters and drainage systems
- Inspect exterior paint and siding
- Maintain outdoor equipment
- Shut off outside house spigots
- Test outdoor lighting (especially pathway and security lights)
- Test emergency generator if you have one
- Inspect fireplace and chimney flue; schedule cleaning if needed
- Test carbon monoxide detectors before heating season
- Check insulation around pipes to prevent winter freezing
- Test ground drainage with garden hose

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- End of hurricane season vigilance
- Transition HVAC systems for cooler weather
- Check for mild fall weather preparation
- Monitor humidity changes
- Inspect for storm season damage

November - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Prepare for mild winter season
- Check heating system operation
- Clean and maintain outdoor areas
- Inspect weatherproofing
- Check holiday decoration safety
- Test garage door auto-reverse safety again
- Inspect and clean gutters of fall leaves
- Test backup sump pump battery (if applicable)
- Inspect snow removal equipment (snowblower, shovels, salt)
- Test outdoor outlets (holiday lighting safety)
- Inspect weatherproofing on exterior doors/windows
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Prepare for cooler but mild winter
- Check heating system for occasional use
- Monitor humidity levels during heating
- Check for minimal freeze protection needs
- Inspect for reduced pest activity

December - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Monitor heating system performance
- Check holiday decorations and lighting
- Maintain mild winter preparations
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check weatherstripping and insulation
- Check water heater pressure relief valve (carefully lift lever)
- Test indoor circuit breakers (flip each one to ensure not stuck)
- Inspect attic and crawl space for moisture or leaks
- Test furnace emergency shut-off switch
- Run whole-home safety drill (fire escape plan + extinguisher use)

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for occasional freeze conditions
- Check heating system during cold snaps
- Prepare for mild winter storm conditions
- Monitor humidity during heating season
- Check for continued year-round pest activity

Southeast - Year-Round Tasks

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly
- Check HVAC filters monthly (more frequent due to humidity)
- Inspect for mold and moisture quarterly
- Professional pest control quarterly
- Hurricane preparedness supplies check quarterly

Southeast - Special Considerations

- Hurricane season preparation (June-November)
- High humidity and mold prevention
- Year-round pest control needs
- Extreme heat management
- Flood and storm water management

Pacific Northwest

Climate Zone: Marine West Coast

January - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Monitor heating system for cool, wet season
- Check for winter storm damage
- Inspect weatherstripping and insulation
- Test carbon monoxide detectors
- Check moisture control systems
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak winter storm season
- Monitor for flooding and wind damage
- Check moisture and mold prevention
- Monitor heating during wet conditions
- Check earthquake preparedness

February - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue winter storm monitoring
- Check drainage and water management
- Inspect exterior for moisture damage
- Maintain heating system efficiency
- Check attic ventilation

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Continue winter storm vigilance
- Monitor for water and moisture damage
- Check mold and mildew prevention
- Monitor heating system performance
- Check for wind damage

March - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin spring maintenance
- Check drainage systems thoroughly
- Inspect exterior paint for weather damage
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Check outdoor equipment
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for flooding from spring rains
- Check moisture control throughout home
- Prepare for increasing daylight
- Monitor for mold and mildew issues
- Check earthquake preparedness updates

April - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Complete spring cleaning
- Service air conditioning if applicable
- Deep clean to remove winter moisture
- Check outdoor living areas
- Maintain landscaping drainage

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for continued rain and moisture
- Check air quality and ventilation
- Prepare for mild warming trend
- Check for pest activity increase
- Monitor wildfire preparedness

May - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin wildfire season preparation
- Maintain outdoor equipment and areas
- Check air conditioning preparation
- Inspect deck and outdoor structures
- Check water conservation systems
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Begin dry season and wildfire preparation
- Check air quality monitoring systems
- Monitor drought preparation
- Check fire suppression systems
- Prepare for warm, dry weather

June - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Wildfire season vigilance begins
- Monitor air conditioning efficiency
- Maintain fire-safe landscaping
- Check outdoor water systems
- Inspect exterior for summer preparation
- Flush water heater

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Begin dry season and wildfire vigilance
- Monitor air quality during fire season
- Check drought-resistant landscaping
- Prepare for warm, dry conditions
- Check defensible space maintenance

July - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak dry season and wildfire vigilance
- Monitor cooling system if needed
- Maintain water conservation
- Check fire-safe practices
- Inspect outdoor equipment protection
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak dry season and wildfire risk
- Monitor extreme fire danger
- Check air filtration systems
- Monitor water usage restrictions
- Check emergency evacuation planning

August - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue wildfire season vigilance
- Monitor cooling systems
- Maintain fire-safe outdoor areas
- Check water conservation measures
- Prepare for fall transition

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak wildfire season continues
- Monitor air quality during fires
- Check fire suppression readiness
- Monitor drought stress effects
- Prepare for smoke management

September - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue wildfire vigilance
- Begin fall preparation
- Check heating system preparation
- Monitor air quality systems
- Inspect for summer damage
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Wildfire season continues
- Begin transition to wet season
- Monitor for early fall rains
- Check air quality and filtration
- Prepare for weather transition

October - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- End wildfire season vigilance
- Begin winter storm preparation
- Check heating system operation
- Clean gutters before winter rains
- Check weatherproofing
- Shut off outside house spigots

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Transition from dry to wet season
- Begin winter storm preparation
- Check moisture control systems
- Prepare for increasing rainfall
- Monitor for earthquake preparedness

November - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Complete winter storm preparation
- Check heating system efficiency
- Prepare moisture control systems
- Check outdoor equipment storage
- Inspect holiday decoration safety
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Begin peak wet season
- Check drainage and water management
- Monitor heating system for wet conditions
- Prepare for wind and storm damage
- Check mold and mildew prevention

December - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Monitor heating system performance
- Check winter storm damage prevention
- Test emergency systems
- Monitor moisture control
- Check holiday safety measures

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak winter storm season begins
- Monitor for flooding and wind damage
- Check heating efficiency during storms
- Monitor moisture and mold control
- Check earthquake emergency supplies

Pacific Northwest - Year-Round Tasks

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly
- Check moisture control systems monthly
- Monitor air quality during fire season
- Check earthquake emergency supplies quarterly
- Professional HVAC service twice yearly

Pacific Northwest - Special Considerations

- Wildfire season preparation (June-September)
- Year-round moisture and mold management
- Earthquake preparedness and safety
- Winter storm and wind damage management
- Air quality monitoring during fire season

West Coast

Climate Zone: Mediterranean/Marine West Coast

January - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Monitor heating system for cool season
- Check for winter storm damage
- Inspect weatherstripping
- Test carbon monoxide detectors
- Check attic insulation and ventilation
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for winter storm and wind damage
- Check earthquake preparedness supplies
- Inspect for rain and moisture damage
- Check heating system for cool weather
- Monitor for mudslide and flooding risks

February - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue winter storm monitoring
- Check drainage systems
- Inspect exterior for weather damage
- Check and clean gutters
- Maintain fireplace and chimney

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak winter storm season
- Monitor for flooding and water damage
- Check earthquake preparedness
- Inspect for wind damage
- Check moisture and mold prevention

March - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin spring maintenance
- Check irrigation systems
- Inspect exterior paint and siding
- Clean and maintain outdoor areas
- Check pool and spa systems
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Monitor for late winter storms
- Check wildfire preparedness
- Inspect for moisture damage from winter
- Check drought-resistant landscaping
- Monitor for increased pest activity

April - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Complete spring maintenance tasks
- Service air conditioning system
- Deep clean interior and exterior
- Check and maintain deck/patio
- Inspect screens and outdoor furniture

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Begin wildfire season preparation
- Check fire suppression systems
- Monitor drought conditions
- Check outdoor water conservation
- Inspect for earthquake safety updates

May - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Begin wildfire season preparation
- Maintain air conditioning system
- Check outdoor equipment and furniture
- Maintain landscaping with water conservation
- Inspect deck and outdoor structures
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak wildfire season preparation
- Check defensible space around home
- Monitor drought and water restrictions
- Check fire-resistant landscaping
- Inspect evacuation route planning

June - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Peak wildfire season vigilance
- Monitor air conditioning efficiency
- Maintain outdoor living spaces
- Check pool and water systems
- Inspect exterior for fire safety
- Flush water heater

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak wildfire season (June-October)
- Monitor fire danger conditions
- Check air quality systems
- Maintain defensible space
- Check emergency evacuation supplies

July - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue wildfire vigilance
- Monitor cooling system efficiency
- Maintain fire-safe landscaping
- Check outdoor equipment protection
- Inspect air quality systems
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak wildfire danger period
- Monitor air quality during fires
- Check fire suppression readiness
- Maintain defensible space
- Monitor drought stress on landscaping

August - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue peak wildfire season vigilance
- Monitor air conditioning performance
- Check fire-resistant exterior materials
- Maintain outdoor areas safely
- Inspect emergency preparedness

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak wildfire season continues
- Monitor extreme fire danger conditions
- Check air filtration during fire season
- Maintain clear evacuation routes
- Monitor water usage restrictions

September - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue wildfire season vigilance
- Check heating system preparation
- Monitor air quality systems
- Maintain fire-safe practices
- Inspect exterior maintenance needs
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak wildfire season continues
- Monitor for Santa Ana wind conditions
- Check fire safety equipment
- Monitor air quality and filtration
- Check earthquake preparedness updates

October - Priority: HIGH

Seasonal Tasks:

- Continue wildfire vigilance
- Begin heating system preparation
- Clean gutters before winter rains
- Check weatherproofing
- Maintain outdoor areas
- Shut off outside house spigots

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Peak wildfire season continues
- Monitor for dry wind conditions
- Prepare for winter storm season
- Check fire and flood preparedness
- Monitor for earthquake safety

November - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- End of wildfire season vigilance
- Prepare for winter storm season
- Check heating system operation
- Clean and maintain outdoor areas
- Check holiday decoration safety
- Clean washing machine drain filter

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Transition from fire to flood season
- Check winter storm preparedness
- Monitor for mudslide risks
- Check heating system for winter
- Inspect for fire season damage

December - Priority: MEDIUM

Seasonal Tasks:

- Monitor heating system performance
- Check winter storm preparation
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check holiday decorations safety
- Maintain mild winter conditions

Weather-Specific Tasks:

- Winter storm season begins
- Monitor for flooding and wind damage
- Check earthquake preparedness supplies
- Monitor heating during cool weather
- Check moisture control during rains

West Coast - Year-Round Tasks

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly
- Check earthquake emergency supplies quarterly
- Monitor air quality systems regularly
- Check water conservation systems monthly
- Professional HVAC service twice yearly

West Coast - Special Considerations

- Wildfire season preparation (May-October)
- Earthquake preparedness and safety
- Water conservation and drought management
- Air quality monitoring during fire season
- Mudslide and flood risk management

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