

MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR A HEALTHY HOME

These tips are simple, and don't take much time to do.
Use them to keep your home safe and healthy.



WINTER

The cold winter is a great time to do a deep indoor clean to keep your home in good working order. While cleaning your bathroom:

- Take a look at the caulking around your shower and tub—if any is cracked, open or damaged, then it should be repaired or replaced.
- Remove any mould by scrubbing with unscented detergent and water.
- Clean your exhaust fan to make sure it can work efficiently.



SPRING

As the snow melts, leaks or floods can become a major issue—take a minute to check your home. If you find moisture or water:

- Dry or remove water-damaged items in the first 48 hours to prevent mould growth.
- Repair leaks right away.
- Throw away things that can't be dried.
- Pull carpets and furnishings away from wet walls to let air flow and help them to dry.



SUMMER

Take advantage of the warmer weather to get a bit of outdoor work done!

- Clean eavestroughs, downspouts and extensions.
- Gently clean the siding of your home.
- Do a walkaround to look at siding, porches, driveways and patios for cracks, signs of rot or water damage.



FALL

As it starts to get colder outside, make sure you follow these tips to prevent mould and moisture indoors:

- Ensure every room in your house is adequately heated.
- Prevent and repair leaks.
- Store firewood outside.
- Keep inside doors open for better airflow.



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