

Home Maintenance Checklist



Preventative home maintenance is important for two reasons. (1) It can reduce breakdowns and lengthen the life of important items. (2) It helps you get the most out of your Home Warranty Service Agreement (i.e., home warranty). Here are some important, fairly easy things you should do to help keep your home humming.

Kitchen

- Clean **drain line** with hot (but not boiling) water and baking soda (monthly)
- Clean **stovetop** and **oven interior** with vinegar and baking soda (monthly)
- Vacuum **refrigerator condenser coils** (monthly, more if you have pets)

Laundry room

- Do an empty clean of your **washer** (monthly)
- Check your **washer's** hoses and gaskets for cracks (monthly)
- Clean **dryer** drum with rubbing alcohol and microfiber cloth (monthly)
- Clean **dryer** lint screen with soap and hot water (monthly)
- Vacuum **dryer vent**, behind dryer and outside (yearly)
- Replace rubber **washer** hoses with metal braided hoses (3–5 years)

Bathroom

- Clean **surfaces** with soap and hot water (weekly)
- Clear **drains** with table salt, vinegar, and hot water mix (monthly)
- Check shower/tub **grout and caulking** for cracks (every 6 months)

Boiler room/basement

- Check floors and walls for leaks and cracks (monthly)
- Change heating & cooling air filters (every 3 months)
- Drain water heater tank (yearly)

Outdoors

- Make sure gutter downspouts direct water away from your home (monthly)
- Clean gutters (twice a year)
- Disconnect hoses from faucets (before first freeze)
- Turn off, drain, and blow out sprinkler system (before first freeze)

Want to cover yourself against expensive, inconvenient breakdowns to important home items? Contact us about a Home Warranty Service Agreement for your home's systems and appliances! Call 866.847.5974 or visit <https://www.2-10.com/homeowners-warranty/pricing-and-plans/> for details.