



## Six-Month Home Maintenance Guide

Make your home safer by inspecting these items every six months and keeping them up-to-date

- Remove spider webs and insect nests - carefully.
- Operate all windows and doors.
- Check caulking on exterior windows and doors.
- Check for cracked glass and defective seals and replace as necessary. Check screens and repair or replace as necessary.
- Inspect exterior paint surfaces; touch up as needed.
- Check screws on door locksets and hardware.
- Lubricate bi-fold and by-pass doors if necessary.
- Clean sliding door tracks; apply silicone spray.
- Lubricate moving parts of garage door.
- Check electrical extension and appliance cords.
- Visually inspect roof from the ground.
- Clean gutters and downspouts and check for leaks. Repair if necessary.
- Have a contractor perform seasonal checkup on your HVAC system.
- Check water supply lines and valves for leaks.
- Check toilets for leaking, looseness and smooth operation.
- Change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- Drain a gallon or two of water from your water heater to extend its life expectancy.
- Trim shrubs and trees so that they clear the house.
- Clean leaves and trash out from under decks and porches.
- Pull mulch away from foundation walls.
- Check hot water temperature; it should be 120°F or less.
- Check and service lawn care equipment.
- Learn to identify the mud tunnels built by termites and check under your house or in your basement for them. If you find evidence do not disturb the tunnels. Notify your pest control company.
- Check attic and crawlspace (if accessible) or basement for moisture or mold. Address any problems promptly.