

Your New Home

Homeownership Timeline

A Year of Small Steps for a Stronger Home

There's a lot to think about during your first year in a new home. This simple timeline can help you stay on top of seasonal maintenance and the little things that keep your home running smoothly.



MONTH 1

Get Settled

Focus on the essentials to make your new house feel like home

- ✓ Unpack and make each space work for you
- ✓ Meet your neighbors
- ✓ Locate main water shut-offs, electrical panel, and gas shut-off
- ✓ Register appliance and product warranties

- ✓ Set up or confirm utilities and services
- ✓ Review your homeowners insurance
- ✓ Update your mailing address everywhere
- ✓ Create or update your emergency contact list



MONTH 3

Check & Adjust

Small maintenance checks now can prevent big issues later

- ✓ Change HVAC air filter
- ✓ Check caulking around windows and doors
- ✓ Test GCFI outlets
- ✓ Review your budget and monthly expenses

- ✓ Take inventory of household items and needs
- ✓ Explore local services and providers
- ✓ Add to your home maintenance fund



MONTH 6

Maintain & Protect

Keep your home running smoothly and prevent bigger problems

- ✓ Clean gutters and downspouts
- ✓ Trim trees and shrubs
- ✓ Inspect caulking and weather stripping
- ✓ Have your heating/cooling system serviced

- ✓ Check for any settling cracks
- ✓ Review your homeowners insurance coverage
- ✓ Add to your home maintenance fund



SEASONAL

Stay Ahead

A little seasonal care helps you enjoy your home all year long

FALL

- ✓ Winterize outdoor faucets
- ✓ Service your heating system
- ✓ Clean and inspect chimney (if applicable)
- ✓ Check insulation and weatherproofing

WINTER

- ✓ Check for ice dams and snow buildup
- ✓ Protect pipes from freezing
- ✓ Test smoke and CO detectors
- ✓ Keep an eye on heating efficiency

SPRING

- ✓ Inspect roof and exterior
- ✓ Clean windows and screens
- ✓ Service your AC
- ✓ Refresh mulch and landscaping



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