



# RED FEATHER

## HEALTHY HOMES INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

The following checklist was developed for the Healthy Homes Training Center and Network as a tool for healthy home maintenance. A healthy home is one that is constructed, maintained, and rehabilitated in a manner that promotes good resident health.

To maintain a healthy home, occupants should keep moisture out, **keep it clean, safe, well-ventilated, pest- and contaminant-free, and well maintained.** Good home maintenance helps reduce allergens, prevent illness, and reduce injury from accidents. This inspection checklist provides basic guidelines – items may need to be checked more often depending on local conditions and manufacturer suggestions.

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Yard & Exterior	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
Water drains away from house	○				
No trip, fall, choking, sharp edge hazards	○	○			
Check for signs of rodents, bats, roaches, termites	○	○			
Drain outdoor faucets and hoses		○			
Clean window wells and check drainage	○	○			
Clean gutters and downspouts	○	○			

Basement & Crawlspace	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
No wet surfaces, puddles	○	○			
Sump pump and check valve working	○	○			
Floor drain working	○				
Vacuum basement surfaces	○				
Check for signs of rodents, bats, roaches, termites		○			

Exterior Roof, Walls, Windows	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
Shingles in good condition	○				
Check chimney, valley, plumbing vent, skylight flashing	○				
Make sure gutters discharge water away from building	○				
Check attic vents		○			
Check for icicles and ice dams			winter		
Look for peeling paint	○				
Look for signs of leaks where deck attaches to house	○				
Check below window & door that flashing is intact	○				
Repair broken, cracked glass		○			
Look for signs of leaks at window and door sills	○				
Clean dryer vent	○	○			
Check that exhaust ducts are clear	○	○			



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<b>Interior Walls, Ceilings, Windows, Doors</b>					
Check for signs of water damage			○		
Check operation of windows and doors	○				
Lubricate and repair windows and doors				○	

	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
<b>Plumbing, Fixtures and Appliances</b>					
Check washer hoses connections			○		
Check dishwasher hoses for leaks			○		
Check toilet supply/shut-off valve			○		
Clean & check refrigerator drip pan-icemaker connections			○		
Check shower-tub surrounds for signs of damage			○		
Check traps and drains under sinks, tubs, showers for leaks			○		
Check water heater for leaks		○			
Check boiler for leaks		○			
Check water main/meter or well pump for leaks or sweating		○			
Clean septic tank			2 years		
Check drain and supply line(s) for leaks	○	○			
Check bath and kitchen fans operation	○	○			

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<b>Attic</b>					
Check for signs of rodents, bats, roaches, termites		○			
Check for water damage and roof leaks	○				
Ensure insulation in place	○				
Check that fans still exhaust to outdoors (check ductwork connections)		○			

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<b>Appliances</b>					
Clean kitchen range hood screens				○	
Clean dryer vents and screens	○				
Clean exhaust fan outlets and screens	○				
Clean outdoor air intakes and screens		○			
Clean air conditioning coils, drain pans	○				○
Clean dehumidifier coils, check operation	○				
Clean and tune furnaces, boilers, water heaters		○			○
Clean and tune ovens and ranges		○			○

	Spring	Fall	Annual	As Needed	Pro Needed?
<b>Electrical Equipment</b>					
Check for damaged cords	○	○			
Test ground fault interrupters	○				
Test outlets for proper hot, neutral, and ground			once		
Check smoke and CO alarms	○	○			

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<b>Garage/ Storage</b>					
Ensure storage of fuel cans	○	○			
Proper operation of garage door safety shut-off	○	○			
Check for signs of water damage	○				
Check for signs of rodents, bats, roaches, termites	○	○			

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<b>HVAC Equipment - Replace Filters</b>					
Warm air furnace (MERV 8)		○			
Air conditioner (central air MERV 8)		○			
Dehumidifier		○			
Outdoor air to return to heat recovery ventilation			○		