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Owning a home is a significant achievement, but it also comes with the responsibility of maintenance. Regular upkeep not only preserves your home's value but also enhances your living experience. Here are essential tips to help you stay on top of home maintenance.

1. **Create a Maintenance Schedule:**

- ✓ Regular maintenance can prevent small problems from becoming big, expensive ones. Create a seasonal maintenance checklist and set reminders for important tasks.

2. **Check Your HVAC System:**

- ✓ Regularly replace or clean HVAC filters (every 3-6 months, or as recommended by the manufacturer).

- ✓ Schedule an annual inspection and servicing of your heating and cooling systems to keep them running efficiently.

3. **Maintain Your Roof and Gutters:**

- ✓ Inspect your roof periodically for any signs of damage like cracked or missing shingles.
- ✓ Clean your gutters and downspouts at least twice a year to prevent water damage and ensure proper drainage around your home.

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4. Look After Your Plumbing:

- ✓ Check for leaks under sinks and around toilets. Fix leaks promptly to prevent water damage and mold.
- ✓ Drain and remove sediment from your water heater annually.

6. Keep Up with Interior Maintenance:

- ✓ Test and maintain your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries annually.
- ✓ Seal any cracks or gaps in windows and doors to improve energy efficiency.

9. Paint and Aesthetics:

- ✓ Fresh paint can protect surfaces and improve the look of your home. Touch up paint as needed, both interior and exterior.

5. Care for Your Home's Exterior:

- ✓ Regularly inspect your home's exterior for cracks or damage, especially after extreme weather.
- ✓ Clean and maintain your siding, whether it's brick, stucco, or wood, to prevent deterioration.

7. Landscaping and Outdoor Areas:

- ✓ Keep your lawn and garden healthy by regular mowing, weeding, and pruning.
- ✓ Check outdoor decks and patios for signs of wear or damage and reseal them as needed.

10. Pest Control:

- ✓ Regularly inspect for signs of pests like termites, rodents, or insects. Consider annual pest control treatments as a preventative measure.



8. Inspect and Update Your Electrical System:

- ✓ Check for frayed wires and faulty outlets. Have a professional electrician inspect your electrical system if your home is older or you notice any issues.

CONCLUSION

Home maintenance is an ongoing task that requires time and effort, but the rewards are well worth it. Keeping your home in good shape not only ensures your comfort and safety but also helps maintain or increase your home's value over time.

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