

# Today's Homeowner *presents*



## seasons of home ownership

## summer CHECKLIST

### TOP 10 MUST DOs

- Change AC and heating system filters.  
TIME: 15 min. COST: \$15
- Flush out AC drain line with bleach twice during the summer.  
TIME: 15 min. COST: \$5
- Check for loose railings or damage on wood decks. Repair, if needed.  
TIME: 1 hour COST: varies
- Inspect fencing and gates for damage. Repair, if needed. TIME: 1 hour COST: varies
- Thoroughly clean and inspect outdoor grill.  
TIME: 30 min. COST: \$10 (grill brush/scrapper)
- Clean all outdoor furniture.  
TIME: 1 hour COST: \$5 (cleaning supplies)
- Have fireplace chimney professionally inspected and cleaned.  
TIME: 1 hour COST: \$150
- Scrape any loose paint from siding and wood trim, then prime and paint.  
TIME: 2 hours COST: \$30 (primer & paint)
- Clean all windows inside and out.  
TIME: 3 hours COST: \$5 (cleaning supplies)
- Pull all weeds and add mulch to gardens and planting beds. TIME: 2 hours COST: varies

**TOTAL TIME: 12 hours COST: \$220**

### IF TIME & BUDGET ALLOW

- Clean grilles and fan blades on bathroom exhaust fans.
- Inspect for cracks in concrete foundation walls, driveways, and sidewalks. Fill cracks with concrete repair caulk.
- Repair cracks in asphalt driveway. Re-coat, if needed.
- Clean and deodorize garbage disposal.
- Wash or replace shower curtains.
- Remove all heating/cooling registers (grilles), thoroughly clean and replace.

**TOTAL TIME: 7 hours COST: \$50**

### A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA

- Purge, clean and organize the garage. Schedule a garage sale, if needed.
- Inspect portable and home standby generators. Perform regular maintenance, if necessary.
- Paint the front door a bold color or refinish existing stain. Add sealer to protect.
- Organize one closet.

**TOTAL TIME: 12 hours COST: \$80**

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