

October Monthly Maintenance Checklist

- Check to be sure your fire extinguisher is fully charged.
- Clean out any debris from sink and tubs.
- Clean your garbage disposal.
- Change the filters once a month on your forced-air heating system.
- Test your garage door's auto-reverse feature.
- Check your water softener salt drum and replace salt as necessary.
- Replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Change high efficiency pleated or HEPA-style filters.
- Change the filter in your refrigerator water line.
- Repair or replace any weather stripping.
- Have your furnace serviced.
- Clean the heat sensor, contact points, and contacts of your thermostat.
- Check foundations.

For Areas With Freezing Temperatures During the Winter:

- Prepare your fireplace for winter.
- Exchange screens for storm windows and storm doors.
- Shut off valves to outdoor faucets.
- Drain and store hoses.
- Flush out and drain the sprinkler system before the first hard freeze.
- Remove and store window air conditioning units or cover central air unit.
- Buy winter supplies.
- Service snowblower.
- Store outdoor furniture and cushions.
- Check driveway/pavement for cracks.