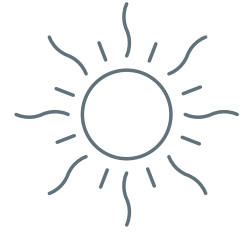


Summer Home Maintenance Checklist



Keep your home safe and comfortable inside and out with a few simple to-dos. Visit my.aarpfoundation.org for more helpful information, including programs that can help when you need it most.

Clean windows and screens with hot, soapy water and a brush <i>Inspect window frames for rot and screens for tears</i>
Reverse ceiling fan direction to counterclockwise <i>Turn fan off, wait until it's still and look for the direction switch above the blades</i>
Inspect your attic for leaks <i>Turn off attic lights to see if daylight shows through any holes in the roof</i>
Clean your air conditioner filter <i>Use warm water or a vacuum cleaner if no self-cleaning option</i>
Inspect your basement <i>Check for insects, pests, leaks, mold and mildew</i>
Check outdoor faucets and hoses for leaks <i>Replace hose or cover small holes with duct tape</i>
Give your patio or deck some TLC <i>Repair cracks, hammer in loose nails, replace rotting boards and re-stain if water no longer pools</i>
Landscape and trim back shrubs and trees <i>Clear out yard waste and mow the lawn regularly to keep away animals and bugs</i>
Check house exterior for peeling paint or mildew <i>Inspect the foundation for any cracks, too</i>

Other Resources to Ease Your Budget

- ✓ **Save Money.** Are you having trouble making ends meet? Getting a roommate could help you save on housing costs. Check out this [helpful article](#) to learn more about how it's done.
- ✓ **Stay Current.** Curious about taking on a side hustle or freelance work? [Watch free videos](#) that will help you update your technology skills so you can get started.
- ✓ **Get Creative.** If you're living on a fixed or low income, you're probably feeling the pinch. Get tips for finding more room in your budget when prices are going up [here](#).

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