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Regular inspection & maintenance of your home will help you keep your house in good condition & maintain its value. Doing maintenance and repair as the need arises also keeps small problems from becoming bigger, more costly problems. Having and following a plan for home maintenance and repair will make the job easier. Your home and wallet will thank you in the long run! The following checklist will help inspect all aspects of your home that you may or may not think about on a regular basis.

| <i>INSIDE</i> | <i>RESULT</i> |
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| FLOORS | |
| PLUMBING | |
| HEATING/COOLING SYSTEM | |
| HOT WATER HEATER - **TIP** DRAIN 2 GALLONS OF WATER TO REMOVE SEDIMENT FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE TANK | |
| ELECTRICAL | |
| KITCHEN | |
| BATHROOM - **TIP** REPLACE OLD WORN CAULKING WITH RESILIENT CAULKING SUCH AS SILICONE OR LATEX | |
| DOORS | |
| WALLS/CEILINGS - **TIP** OLD WATER SPOTS CAN BE UNSIGHTLY – TRY USING MILDEW RESISTANT PAINT LIKE “KILZ” WHICH ELIMINATES ODORS & KILLS BACTERIA | |
| ATTIC - **TIP** CLEAN YOUR ATTIC FAN, LUBRICATE MOTOR, CHECK DRIVE BELT AND REPLACE IF SIDES ARE GLAZED, SMOOTH & SLIPPERY | |
| BASEMENT | |
| <i>OUTSIDE</i> | |
| FOUNDATION | |
| SIDING | |
| PORCH - **TIP** NAIL OR REPLACE ANY LOOSE BOARDS TO PREVENTS FALLS & INJURIES | |
| WINDOWS | |
| ROOF/CHIMNEY - **TIP** PLACING CRUMBLED NEWSPAPERS IN YOUR CHIMNEY FOR A COUPLE DAYS WILL REMOVE THE SOOT ODER FROM YOUR FIREPLACE | |
| GUTTERS/DOWNSPOUTS | |
| GARAGE | |
| STEPS/RAILINGS | |



ANTS...who loves em’? Homes don’t! To get rid of these pesky critters, find the beginning of the parade line entering your home and sprinkle cinnamon or any type of black ground pepper to block their way.