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MAINTAINING YOUR HOME

Regular care and maintenance of your home is important to keeping it beautiful, functional, safe and healthy.

Neglecting standard maintenance will void certain warranties. It can also result in unnecessary wear and tear on your home, poor air quality, reduced energy efficiency and costly repairs.

Follow these basic tips to keep your home in tip top shape.

HVAC

Energy Star recommends checking your heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) filter every month. If the filter looks dirty, change it. At minimum, replace the filter every three months. Consider an annual tune-up to keep your HVAC system working efficiently.

DOOR ADJUSTMENTS

Settling of your house is normal. If your door has shifted slightly after settling, remove the strike plate from the wall with a screwdriver and adjust its positioning with the frame so it closes smoothly. Tighten door knobs, replace worn weather stripping and adjust exterior door thresholds as needed to maintain a good seal.

HARDWOOD FLOORS

Vacuum or sweep your floors frequently and use only those cleaning products recommended by the manufacturer. Expansion and contraction of wood is normal as the seasons change. Consider using a humidifier during heating months to help reduce wood drying and shrinkage.

PAINT AND STAIN

Wood decks and exterior structures will require re-staining or painting over time to protect the integrity of the structure. If roof jacks (pipes coming out of the roof) are painted, they may need touching up every 1 – 2 years. Remember to label your touch-up paint. Store paint and stain in tightly sealed containers in a cool, dry place.

SUMP PUMP

If you have a sump pump, periodically test it by filling the pit with a hose until the float is raised.

OUTDOOR DRAINAGE

Soil should be graded to allow for drainage away from your home's foundation. It's important that newly graded areas be properly landscaped within 1 – 2 months to prevent grade erosion. Failure to do so may result in serious water damage to your home.

GUTTERS

Check gutters and downspouts every 1 – 2 months so they remain clear of debris and are in good working order. Clogged gutters can lead to mold, grade erosion, foundation issues and other problems. Be sure downspouts are connected properly and direct water away from the foundation and foot traffic areas. While you're up on the ladder, inspect your roof for any damage or wear.

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