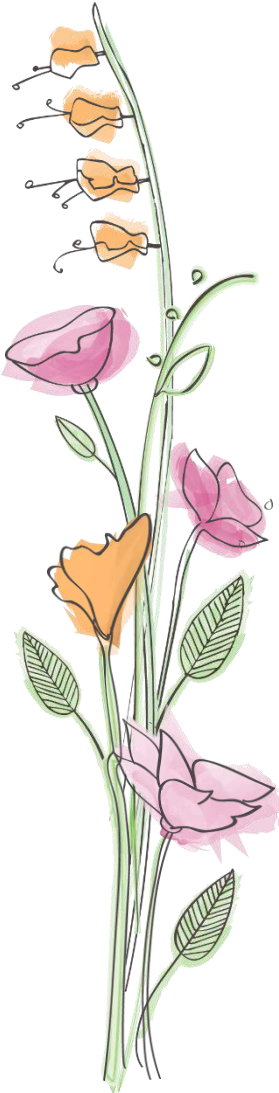


Month by Month Home Maintenance Guide



January Home Maintenance

INSIDE

- Organize paperwork.
- Run your humidifier.
- Disinfect against illness. Wipe door handles and phones.
- Touch up paint your closet shelves.
- Organize one room in your home.
- Clean or change the furnace filter.

OUTSIDE

- Watch for ice build ups in house gutters.
- Install halogen bulbs in outdoor light fixtures.
- Check for Winter damage.
- Keep porches, decks and paths clear of snow and ice.
- Start planning the Spring garden.
- Keep snow cleared away from the mailbox.
- Shake accumulated snow off shrubs.
- Keep the garage doors free from snow and ice.
- Feed the birds.
- Remove dead or broken tree limbs.



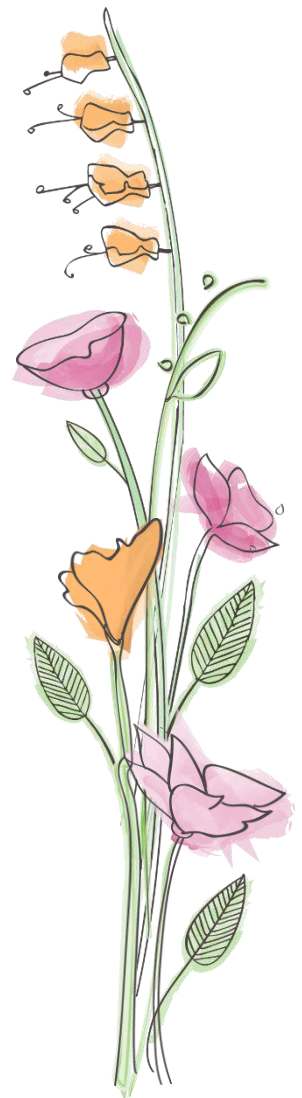
February Home Maintenance

INSIDE

- Service your woodstove.
- Run the humidifier and monitor humidity levels.
- Disinfect against illness. Wipe door handles and phones.
- Check pumps.
- Clean glass on all light fixtures.
- Organize one room in your home.
- Clean or change the furnace filter.

OUTSIDE

- Check your gas grill and monitor the propane tank.
- Watch for ice build ups in house gutters.
- Check halogen bulbs in outdoor light fixtures.
- Check for Winter damage.
- Keep porches, decks and paths clear of snow and ice.
- Order seeds for the Spring garden.
- Keep snow cleared away from the mailbox.
- Shake accumulated snow off shrubs.
- Keep the garage doors free from snow and ice.
- Feed the birds.
- Remove dead or broken tree limbs.
- Prune fruit trees.
- Check the steps and driveway for damage.



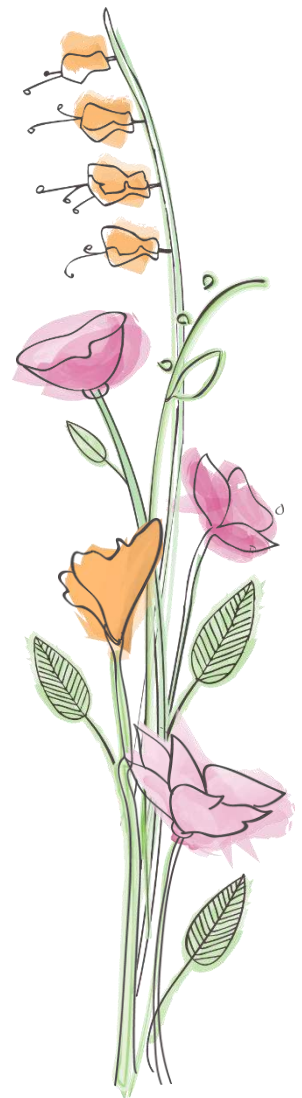
March Home Maintenance

INSIDE

- Deep clean all your floors. Especially the edges where buildup occurs.
- Test your water main.
- Air out your linens.
- Disinfect against illness. Wipe door handles and phones.
- Stock up or make your own household cleaners.
- Organize one room in your home.
- Clean or change the furnace filter.

OUTSIDE

- Check metal and wood railings.
- Check the foundation of your house and other masonry work.
- Check halogen bulbs in outdoor light fixtures.
- Check roof shingles for mold and moss growth.
- Prep your lawn mower and tools for Spring use.
- Inspect outdoor garden planters and window boxes.
- Check for dry rot.
- Begin organizing Spring yard and garden chores.
- Survey fences and stone walls for Winter damage.
- Mulch the garden beds.
- Pick up twigs and branches from your yard.
- Clean up gravel near driveway entrance from snow plows.
- Check the gas grill for Spring and Summer use.



April Home Maintenance

INSIDE

- Bring out Spring clothing and linens.
- Adjust clocks and timers for daylight savings time.
- Make sure your appliances are level.
- Hang up your clothes line.
- Wash your windows.
- Change the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Check for radon levels.
- Organize one room in your home.
- Clean or change the furnace filter.
- Start some garden seedlings inside for planting out at appropriate times.

OUTSIDE

- Examine exterior wiring.
- Check porch and deck for winter damage.
- Check halogen bulbs in outdoor light fixtures.
- Replace storm windows with screens.
- Sweep the garage and sidewalks.
- Clean surfaces.
- Hook up garden hoses.
- Clean your grill.
- Take the garden furniture outside.
- Clean bird baths.
- Pick up twigs and branches from your yard.
- Divide and transplant perennial plants.
- Reseed dead patches in the lawn.



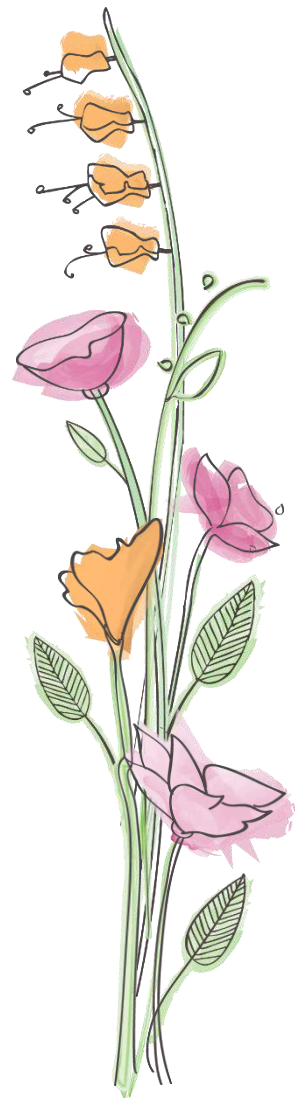
May Home Maintenance

INSIDE

- Clean ceiling and personal fans.
- Clean carpets.
- Put the humidifier away.
- Clean the basement.
- Check the basement for mold and water damage.
- Air out the basement and attic.
- Organize one room in your home.
- Clean or change the furnace filter.

OUTSIDE

- Install window air conditioning units.
- Have whole house air conditioning unit inspected.
- Plant containers and window boxes. (depending on your garden zone.)
- Check halogen bulbs in outdoor light fixtures.
- Prep and paint Winter damage.
- Put up sun awnings and umbrellas.
- Clean outdoor surfaces.
- Set up a dehumidifier in the basement.
- Organize the tool box.
- Clean and seal blacktop or order more gravel.
- Repair and paint trellises.
- Fertilize your lawn.
- Plant annuals.
- Start fertilizing container plants.



June Home Maintenance

INSIDE

- Give the whole house and garage a good air out.
- Check for insect nests.
- Check for leaks in the pipes and faucets.
- Clean the garage.
- Organize one room in your home.
- Clean or change the furnace filter.

OUTSIDE

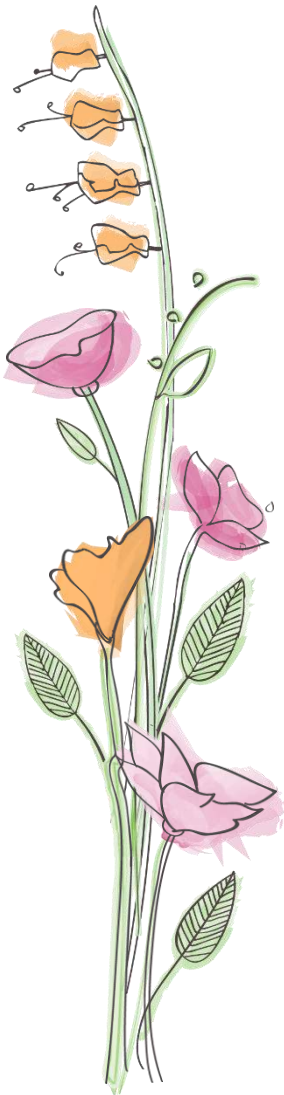
- Wash the homes siding.
- check outside caulking.
- Fertilize planters, window boxes and garden.
- Check halogen bulbs in outdoor light fixtures.
- Clean outdoor furniture.
- Oil and sharpen garden tools.
- Rescreen torn window and door screens.
- Weed.
- Continue planting vegetables and annuals.
- Deadhead spent flowers and shrubs.



July Home Maintenance

INSIDE

- Fertilize your houseplants.
- Check the bathrooms for mold and mildew.
- Ventilate the home.
- Prepare for flood, hurricane, or tornado emergencies.
- Organize one room in your home.
- Clean or change the furnace filter.



OUTSIDE

- Inspect the house and roof for mildew and moss.
- Check and maintain the gutters.
- Grade the soil around your home.
- Check halogen bulbs in outdoor light fixtures.
- Storm proof the garage doors.
- Ventilate work spaces.
- Keep weeding.
- Clean dehumidifier in the basement.
- Water everything.
- Deadhead annuals and perennials.
- Stake tall plants.
- Prune certain shrubs as well as Maples, Birches, Lindens, and Buckeye trees.
- Fill the bare spots in the garden bed with annuals.
- Fertilizing containers and window boxes.

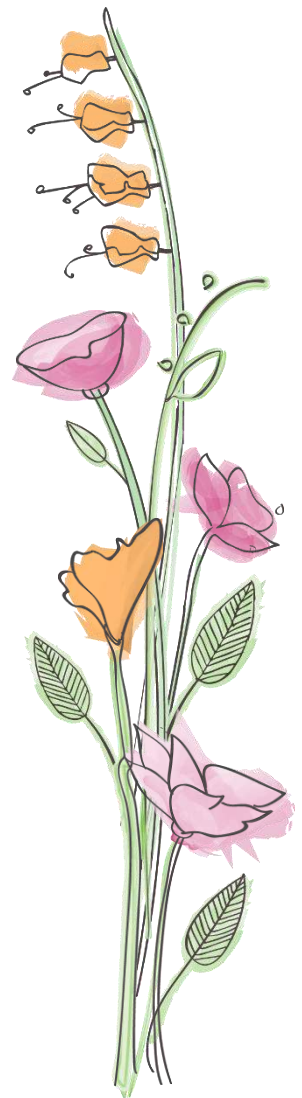
August Home Maintenance

INSIDE

- Clean heat and air conditioning vents.
- Make sure ceiling fans are working properly.
- Clean the dehumidifier.
- Clean window ledges.
- Organize one room in your home.
- Clean or change the furnace filter.

OUTSIDE

- Touch up exterior paint.
- Repair broken window glass.
- Check the locks on doors and make secure.
- Check halogen bulbs in outdoor light fixtures.
- Clean the grill.
- Clean the outdoor furniture.
- Hose out the garbage cans.
- Collect seeds.
- Water lawn and garden beds.
- Plant seeds for Fall and Winter harvests.
- Order bulbs for Fall planting.



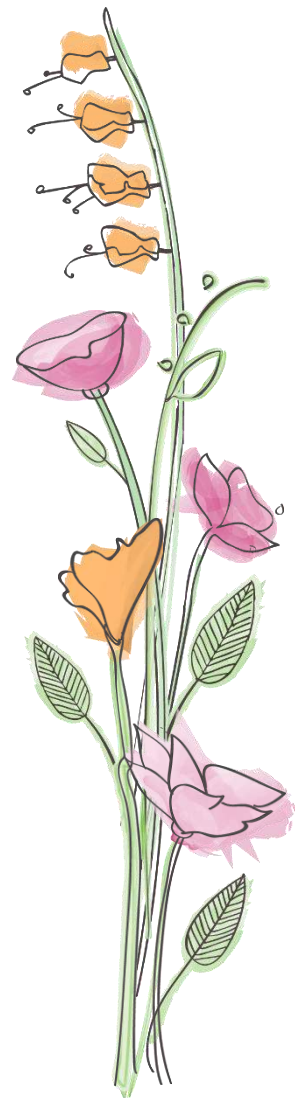
September Home Maintenance

INSIDE

- Have your furnace inspected.
- Have your wood stove or fireplace cleaned and inspected.
- Inspect the chimney flues.
- Check the fireplace dampers.
- Shake out or replace doormats.
- Organize one room in your home.
- Clean or change the furnace filter.

OUTSIDE

- Stock firewood.
- Make sure your chimney cap is secure.
- Depending on where you live, check for frost warnings.
- Check halogen bulbs in outdoor light fixtures.
- Clean the grill.
- Check the weather stripping on all doors.
- Aerate grass.
- Collect seeds.
- Water lawn and garden beds.
- Check your home, garage, and outbuildings for rodent homes.
- Clean stone pavers.



October Home Maintenance

INSIDE

- Change batteries in your smoke detectors and recharge fire extinguisher.
- Remove and winterize window air conditioning units.
- Organize one room in your home.
- Clean or change the furnace filter.

OUTSIDE

- Remove screen windows and doors and replace with storm panes.
- Check window frames for leaks.
- Shut off outdoor faucets and remove hoses.
- Check halogen bulbs in outdoor light fixtures.
- Remove dirt from planters and window boxes.
- Organize your cold weather tools, snow shovels and snow blower.
- Put composted manure on all garden beds.
- Store outdoor furniture inside.
- Protect roses with burlap if needed.
- Turn your automatic sprinkler system off.
- Plant bulbs.



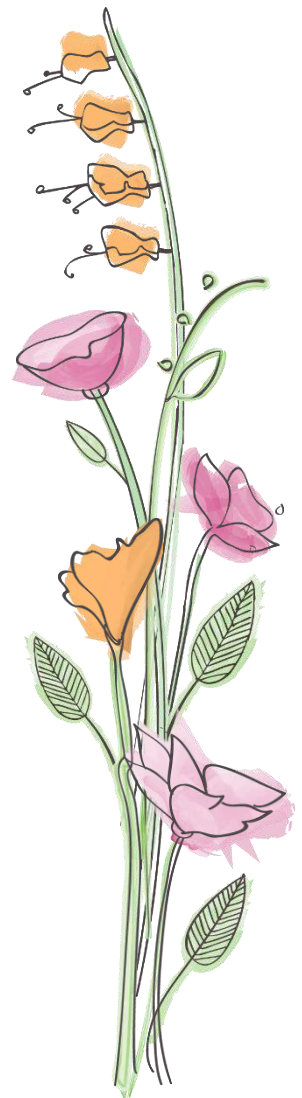
November Home Maintenance

INSIDE

- Take Winter clothes and linens out of storage.
- Check vents.
- Set thermostats.
- Organize one room in your home.
- Clean or change the furnace filter.

OUTSIDE

- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Take down outside clothes line.
- Check the foundation of your home for cracks and seal.
- Clean and put away lawn mower.
- Check halogen bulbs in outdoor light fixtures.
- Clean and put away garden tools.
- Check drainage around entrances.
- Rake leaves and compost them.
- Mulch garden beds with mowed leaves and grass.
- Inspect the health of your trees.



December Home Maintenance

INSIDE

- Check water pipes for freezing, insulate if necessary.
- Assess homes insulation needs.
- Ventilate attic.
- Clean and maintain humidifier.
- Insulate the water heater.
- Adjust home humidity levels, make sure no condensation appears on the windows.
- Organize one room in your home.
- Clean or change the furnace filter.

OUTSIDE

- Watch for ice build ups in house gutters.
- Install halogen bulbs in outdoor light fixtures.
- Check for Winter damage.
- Keep porches, decks and paths clear of snow and ice.
- Prepare and maintain snow blower and shovels.
- Keep vehicles filled with gas and prepared with Winter auto necessities.
- Maintain garage door tracks.
- Keep the garage doors free from snow and ice.
- Feed the birds.

