

Quick Home Maintenance

These ten easy fixes will only take you an hour or less!

1. Change the filters in air conditioning units, furnaces and refrigerators, which need replacing every 2-3 months.
2. Clear all the drains in your home. Use a drain snake to retrieve hair from your shower and bathroom sinks. For your kitchen, run cold water and a tray of ice cubes through your garbage disposal to sharpen the blades and clear congestion.
3. Lubricate door hinges with WD-40 to reduce squeaking and sticking.
4. Replace any burnt-out or inefficient lightbulbs. Wipe glass lighting fixtures clean for a clearer glow.
5. Vacuum the exhaust ducts behind your clothes dryer and the coils under or behind your refrigerator.
6. Fill holes from thumbtacks or nails with spackle. Cover the spackle with a little paint or pencil to match the walls.
7. Check and repair any old or insufficient window sealant. Scrape out old window caulking with a box cutter and replace it with fresh sealant.
8. Protect your home with a mild insect spray around the outside edges of your house and windows. Set ant traps in the back corners of cabinets and behind appliances.
9. Polish your wooden furniture and fixtures.
10. Test your smoke alarms and replace batteries when the alarms aren't functioning properly. Even when they work, replace alarm batteries every 6 months.

Keep in mind, these are small fixes. Always hire a professional for significant tasks.

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