





FIVE EASY WINTER MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Check off these indoor projects when it's too cold to complete outdoor home maintenance:

1. **Check ceiling fans.** Prevent allergies and save money on energy by dusting and cleaning ceiling fans every season. While you're up there, reverse the fan's direction so that it turns clockwise and funnels the warm air down.

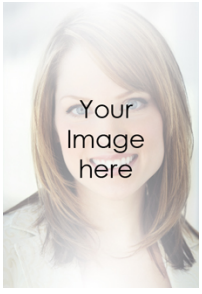
2. **Seal windows and doors.** Doors, but especially windows, need resealing work every few years. Inspect the caulking for gaps or cracks along the windows' glass edges. Then, re-apply caulking to windows or weather-stripping to doors.

3. **Check behind appliances.** To extend the longevity of major appliances like laundry machines and refrigerators, clean behind these appliances regularly. Dust settles on refrigerator coils, causing them to run inefficiently. Use a refrigerator-coil brush or for dryers, clean out its external exhaust vent a couple times a year to keep it running smoothly.

4. **Clean out closets.** The end of a season is a great time to go through closets for potential items to donate. When you find winter clothing you didn't wear this year, give it away and make space for next season's items.

5. **Brighten indoor spaces.** When it's gray outside, the right indoor lighting can lighten any mood. Try switching out standard incandescent bulbs for bulbs that provide cooler, "natural" light. Whenever buying new bulbs, opt for Energy Star rated bulbs that last longer and save you money on your utility bill.

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