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Celebrate Homeownership: Your Summer Maintenance Guide

June is National Homeownership Month! Homeownership plays a vital role in our economy and can help build individual wealth, promote community stability, and improve overall health. But like any investment, a home requires regular maintenance to keep it in good shape.

As we enter the summer months, here are a few maintenance tips to keep your home in top condition:

Indoor Maintenance Tips:

- Ensure windows and doors open and close smoothly.
- Replace your air conditioner filter.
- Test ceiling fans for proper operation.
- Clean dryer vents and screens.
- Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Look for signs of leaks around windows and door sills.

Outdoor Maintenance Tips:

- Confirm water drains away from the house.
- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Inspect shingles for damage or signs of leaks.
- Service your air conditioning unit before the heat hits.
- Check for peeling paint and make touch-ups as needed.

By addressing maintenance issues early, you can help prevent costly repairs down the road. For a more detailed list, visit the National Center for Healthy Housing website for a spring and fall maintenance checklist and click on <u>Healthy Homes Maintenance Checklist</u>.

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