

Today's Homeowner *presents*



seasons of home ownership



TOP 10 MUST DOs

- Have AC and heating systems serviced by a professional. **Time: 1 hour Cost: \$80**
- Clear away all leaves and debris from the AC condenser unit. **Time: 15 min. Cost: FREE**
- Clean all rain gutters and downspouts; make repairs, if needed. **Time: 1 hour Cost: FREE**
- Clean debris off roof. Check for loose or damaged roof shingles or flashing. Repair, if needed. **Time: 30 min. Cost: FREE**
- Clean and repair window screens. Clean tracks and lubricate. **Time: 2 hours** (more for repairs) **Cost: \$10** (if repairs are needed)
- Clean lint from the clothes dryer's exhaust pipe. **Time: 30 min. Cost: \$10** for vent brush
- Lubricate all exterior hinges, gates, garage door tracks, and locks. **Time: 30 min. Cost: \$10**
- Sharpen all garden tools and inspect condition of your wheelbarrow. **Time: 30 min. Cost: \$10**
- Prepare all flowerbeds and plants. **Time: 2 hours Cost: varies**
- Reverse ceiling fans to counterclockwise direction to blow air down. **Time: 15 min. Cost: FREE**

TOTAL TIME: 8½ hours COST: \$120

IF TIME & BUDGET ALLOW

- Pressure wash decks, fences, siding and driveways.
- Add additional insulation to the attic.
- Organize at least one closet in your home.
- Dust lampshades and ceiling fan blades.
- Aerate and fertilize the lawn.
- Reseed all bare spots on lawn.

TOTAL TIME: 17 hours COST: \$525

A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA

- Flip mattresses.
- Paint the mailbox and inspect the mailbox post.
- Reorganize all DVDs, CDs, and video games.
- Take all indoor plants outside and clean.
- Test sump pump by pouring a bucket of water to activate.

TOTAL TIME: 6 hours COST: \$15

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