

# Tips For Keeping Your Home and Yard in Tip-Top Shape - End Of Summer

**Check your detectors.** It's a great time to check your home's smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they're working properly and keeping you safe.

**Wash your windows.** If you didn't tackle exterior window washing in the spring, now's the time to get your glass clean.

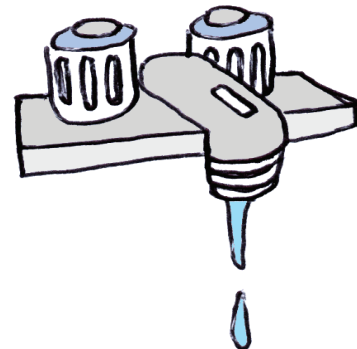


**Clean all ceiling fans** and other fans with a damp rag. If you have high ceilings, use a ceiling-fan duster to help you de-grime hard-to-reach blades

**Polish your porch.** Thoroughly sweep painted porch floors and mop them with an all-purpose cleaner. If there's a lot of built-up dirt on the floorboards, you may need to scrub them with a brush.

**Analyze your deck.** Look over your deck for signs of rotting and hammer in any nails that are poking up. You may need to determine if your deck needs sealing by sprinkling water on the deck's boards. If the water beads up, you're fine - but if it soaks right in, it's time to reseal your deck.

**Be a leak detective.** Check your hoses and exterior faucets for leaks - even a tiny drip can add up to a big waste of water. Pinhole leaks in hoses can be covered up by winding regular electrical tape around the dry hose in overlapping layers.



**Plan your watering schedule.**

Train your garden to endure dry days by watering deeply a couple times a week, instead of watering lightly daily. This style of watering will promote the growth of deep, strong roots.

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