Summer home maintenance checklist

Summer jobs

- [ ] Check and seal the deck **June if you have one**
  Unsealed wood absorbs water, cracks and rots.
- [ ] Inspect the chimney **August if you have one**
  Creosote buildup is the main cause of chimney fires.

Once this season

- [ ] Change HVAC filter **every 3 months**
  A clogged filter makes the system work harder, costs more to run and shortens its life.

Every month

- [ ] Test smoke and CO alarms
- [ ] Check fire extinguishers
- [ ] Test GFCI outlets
- [ ] Test the sump pump **if you have one**
- [ ] Top up water softener salt **if you have one**
- [ ] Clean the dishwasher filter
- [ ] Clean range hood filter

General guidance for a typical Northern Hemisphere home; your manufacturer's instructions come first. Free from household.illuminationdevelopment.com