



Home Maintenance Tips*

To keep house in good repair, these things must be considered on a routine basis:

- Air Condition/Heat filter replacement
- Annual inspection by HVAC technician
- Monitor level of gas in propane tank**
- Extra batteries for flashlights, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, cordless appliances
- Extra lightbulbs for interior and exterior lights and floodlights
- Caring for indoor plants
- Checking plumbing facilities (sinks, tubs, and toilets) for leaks
- Lubricate rusting metal hinges, etc.
- Use graphite (powder) in locks to ensure smooth function
- Appropriate indoor and outdoor trash receptacles, emptied on schedule
- Monitor and address the presence of insect (roaches, ants, etc.) and rodents (mice, rats, squirrels, etc.)
- Inspect foundation for water damage
- Inspect roof for damaged shingles or other roofing material
- Inspect fireplace and chimney
- Gutters, clean or repair when needed
- Have handrails installed in bathrooms for safety and porches/walkways

*If care giver is unable to perform these tasks, then seek assistance through family members, neighbors, or their local faith community for a “handy helper” volunteer.

**If heat assistance is needed, contact your local Community Action program or your local Area Agency on Aging.

This is a partial list and will be updated as care partners send additional items of importance.