



Tennessee Housing
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- Locate and assess water valve to ensure it is operational.
- Set S.M.A.R.T. goals for home improvement.
- Clean your oven.
- Update emergency preparedness kit to include canned goods, batteries, a first-aid kit, cash, radio, and an extra cell phone.

- Consider successes of the previous year & create S.M.A.R.T Goals for gardening around your home.
- What are S.M.A.R.T. Goals:
 - -Specific
 - -Measurable
 - -Achievable
 - -Relevant
 - -Timely
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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25
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- Check water heater for corrosion or leaks.
- Drain water heater: <u>Click here to learn about draining your water heater.</u>
- Check electrical service panel breakers to make sure they will trip when necessary.
- Clean the bathroom fan.
- Use a coat hanger to clean the water holes in the toilet bowl.
- Clean the refrigerator coils to save energy and to make it last longer.

- **Zone 7**: Begin broccoli, cauliflower, and peas indoors.
- **Zone 8:** Begin beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, onions, peas, peppers, spinach and tomatoes indoors.
- Not sure which zone you live in? Check out this map to determine which zone you live in: https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/
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FEBRUARY

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9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20	21	22
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- Remove dead and fallen trees and limbs.
- Clean the gutters, gutter strainers, and downspouts: <u>Click here to learn more about keeping your gutters clean.</u>
- Repair window screens to keep pests away: <u>Click here to learn more about repairing window screens.</u>

- Zone 5: Begin broccoli inside.
- **Zone 6:** Begin beets, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, onions, peas, spinach, and other cool weather crops inside.
- **Zone 7:** Begin beets, cabbage, carrots, kale, lettuce, onions, peppers, spinach, and tomato indoors.

 Transplant broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, and peas outside towards the end of the month.
- **Zone 8:** Transplant beets, broccoli, cabbage, spinach, carrots, cauliflower, kale, lettuce and peas outside. Start beans indoors.
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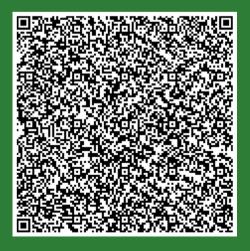
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	St. Patrick's Day					
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- Try "green cleaning" alternatives for your spring cleaning: Click here to learn more about "green cleaning" recipes.
- Trim plants to help them grow better.
- Inspect the roof and exterior walls.
 - Keep an eye out for grainy & peeling shingles.
 - Inspect brick mortar.

- **Zone 5**: Begin beets, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, onions, peas, peppers, spinach and tomatoes inside. Plant broccoli outside.
- **Zone 6**: Transplant beets, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, peas and spinach outdoors. Begin carrots, tomatoes and peppers inside.
- **Zone 7:** Transplant kale, lettuce and spinach outdoors. Begin beans and Brussels sprouts indoors.
- **Zone 8:** Transplant onions, peppers and tomatoes outdoors. Begin Brussels sprouts, squash, corn and cucumbers indoors.
- All Zones: Mulch your landscape.
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Easter						
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20 Easter	21	29	30	24		26

- Inspect for termites and other pests in and around the house. <u>Click here to learn more about UT's Termite</u>
 <u>Control guidance.</u>
- Have the air conditioner/HVAC unit inspected.
- Check/ clean patio and porch area.

- **Zone 5:** Begin beans, corn, cucumbers and squash inside. Plant beets, broccoli, carrots, kale, lettuce, peas and spinach outside.
- **Zone 6:** Transplant carrots and onions outdoors. Begin squash, corn, cucumbers, beans, Brussels sprouts and cabbage indoors.
- **Zone 7:** Transplant onions, peppers and tomatoes outdoors. Begin corn, cucumbers and squash indoors.
- **Zone 8**: Transplant Brussels sprouts, corn and cucumbers outdoors.
- All Zones: Plant your flowers.
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31





- Check locks and latches on all doors and windows.
- Check vent system for debris.
- Clean dryer vent: <u>Click here to learn more about this</u> <u>process.</u>
- Fix cracks in your driveway so they do not grow: <u>Click here</u> to learn more about repairing your driveway.
- Use power washer to clean the trashcan and recycling bin.
- Ensure a strong air flow throughout the house.

- **Zone 5:** Plant Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, onions, peppers and tomatoes outside.
- **Zone 6:** Transplant peppers and tomatoes outdoors.
- **Zone 7:** Transplant beans, Brussels sprouts, corn, cucumbers and squash outdoors.
- Zone 8: Transplant beans and squash outdoors.
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JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- Inspect all flooring and interior walls. Look for:
 - Cracks in the floor
 - Insect damage
 - Sagging floor
- Click here to learn about fixing squeaky floors.
- Check stairways to make sure they are secure.

- **Zone 5:** Plant corn, cucumbers and squash outside. Begin beets, broccoli, kale, lettuce, peas and spinach inside.
- **Zone 6:** Transplant beans, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, corn, cucumbers and squash outdoors. Begin spinach, carrots, beets and broccoli indoors to start the fall crops.
- **Zone 7:** : Begin cabbage indoors.
- Zone 8: Enjoy
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27	28	29	30	31		





- Wash and clean interior walls.
- Drain and inspect water heater.
- Make repairs to damaged walls: <u>Click here to learn about</u> <u>repairing a hole in the wall.</u>
- Turn off the air conditioning unit to clean it with a hose to make it last longer.

- **Zone 5**: Plant beets, broccoli, kale, lettuce, peas and spinach outside. Begin carrots inside.
- **Zone 6**: Begin kale, lettuce and peas indoors. Transplant spinach outdoors.
- **Zone 7:** Begin beets, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, peas and spinach indoors. Near the end of the month, transplant cabbage outdoors.
- **Zone 8:** Begin beets, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kale and lettuce indoors.
- All Zones: Aerate your lawn, if you have one, to help it absorb nutrients in the ground.
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AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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- Check insulation in house attic for moisture.
- Check under sinks and behind refrigerator for leaks.
- Ensure tubs, sinks, toilets, walls, and floors are all caulked: Click here to learn about how to caulk a shower.
- Clean floor vents if you have them.

- Zone 5: Plant carrots outside.
- **Zone 6:** Transplant kale, lettuce, peas, carrots, broccoli and beets outdoors.
- **Zone 7:** Transplant beets, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, peas and spinach outdoors for the fall harvest.
- **Zone 8:** Transplant beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflowers, kale and lettuce outdoors. Begin peas and spinach indoors.
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SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



- Secure weather stripping around windows and doors. <u>Click here to learn more about sealing gaps and cracks.</u>
- Have chimneys cleaned by a professional.
- Have heating system/HVAC inspected.

GARDENING PLAN

- **Zone 8:** Transplant peas and spinach.
- All Zones: Plant fall bulbs for the spring before the ground freezes.

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OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Indigenous People's Day	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

- Clean downspouts and gutters: <u>Click here to learn</u> <u>about cleaning gutters.</u>
- Insulate all exposed water pipes to prevent freezing.
- Clean hoses and store in a dry place.
- Seal countertops to protect them.
- Have carpets cleaned if applicable.

- Have your soil tested through UT Extension to make sure it is healthy and safe. <u>Click here to learn more about soil testing with UT Extension.</u>
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NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29





- Inspect faucets, hoses, and valves for leaks.
- Click here to learn about repairing leaks.
- Check for any exposed electrical wires.
- Review notes to make plans or changes for next year.
- Deep clean appliances.
- Clean shower heads to make them last longer.
- Inspect for mold and test it before touching it.

- Decorate your home with poinsettias, Christmas cactus, and holly to add a festive feel for the holidays.
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DECEMBER

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			



TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PROGRAMS

- Foreclosure prevention
- Home repair grants
- Energy assistance

Learn more at: thda.org/help-for-homeowners

RESOURCES

HOME MAINTENANCE GUIDE https://thda.org/documents/Home-Maintenance.pdf

HUD DISASTER RECOVERY TOOLKIT MAINTENANCE https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/OHC-DR-Toolkit-Basic-Home-Maintenance-Fact-Sheet.pdf

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ON HOME APPLIANCES https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/OHC-DR-Toolkit-Basic-Home-Maintenance-Fact-Sheet.pdf

FIND A HUD HOUSING COUNSELOR (default/foreclosure resources) https://hud4.my.site.com/housingcounseling/s/?language=en_US

MONTHLY CHECKLIST

- Clean and replace air filters.
- Do not overload any single electrical outlet.
- Deep clean kitchen and bathrooms.
- Regularly check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detector.
- Regularly check all locks on doors and windows.
- Clean trash disposal.
- Clean dishwasher.
- Check washer and dryer for leaks and proper functioning.

FIND A CONTRACTOR IN TENNESSEE:

https://search.cloud.commerce.tn.gov/search?keyword=inspector

HUD'S HEALTHY HOMES TOOLKIT:

https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5675/healthy-housing-toolkit-for-housing-counselors/

LEARN MORE ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS IN YOUR AREA AND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT: https://wildones.org/

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