

Smart Start Guide

Essential Home Maintenance for New Owners

Stay Safe. Stay Ahead.

1. Take Ownership of Safety

- Smoke/CO Detectors: Test monthly, replace batteries yearly
- Install Date Tip: Mark the date with a permanent marker
- GFCI Outlets: Test monthly (kitchens, baths, exteriors)
- AFCI Breakers: Check monthly at your panel to prevent electrical fires

2. Start Small With Smart Maintenance

- Water heater: Flush annually
- Fireplace: Have cleaned/inspected yearly
- Septic/Well: Inspect or service every 3–5 years

3. Keep a Home Log

- Save your inspection report & notes
- Track repairs, contacts, warranties
- Use a calendar or digital system to schedule reminders

4. Don't Be Afraid to Call the Pros

- HVAC tune-ups (spring and fall)
- Licensed contractors for structural, plumbing, or electrical work.
- Don't wait for failure — prevent it

Final Thought:

Homeownership isn't just a transaction — it's a commitment.

Using your inspection report and staying ahead of small problems creates a safer, longer-lasting home.



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