

Home maintenance checklist

A practical guide for homeowners in Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero, Florida

AIR CONDITIONING AND HUMIDITY

- ☐ Change or clean the air-conditioning filter according to the manufacturer's instructions; check it more often during heavy use.
- ☐ Look for leaks, stains, or signs of moisture under sinks, around toilets, and near the water heater.

WATER AND DRAINAGE

- ☐ After heavy rain, check from the ground that visible gutters, downspouts, and drains are clear and direct water away from the home.
- ☐ Check caulking and weatherstripping around windows and doors; replace cracked or loose pieces to reduce wind-driven rain entry.
- ☐ Make sure irrigation does not direct water toward the house and water does not pool beside the foundation.

EXTERIOR AND STORMS

- ☐ After a storm, look from the ground for loose shingles, fallen branches, or visible damage to eaves and siding; do not climb onto the roof.
- ☐ Check exterior stucco and paint for cracks, peeling, or exposed wood that could let moisture in.
- ☐ Keep branches and plants clear of the roof and walls; stay away from downed power lines.

HOME SAFETY

- ☐ Test smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- ☐ Clean the dryer lint filter after each load and keep the exterior vent clear.
- ☐ Check door and window screens for tears that could let insects or rain inside.

HURRICANE PREPARATION

- ☐ Before hurricane season, confirm shutters or protective panels are complete and accessible; follow their manual when installing them.
- ☐ Check the home's emergency supplies, including batteries, water, medication, and important documents.