

September 25, 2027 | Knoxville, Farragut & Lenoir City

Review tree hazards before winter

Main task: about 25 active minutes. DIY ground observation; qualified arborist.

March and September; after significant storms. Seasonal planning check; event-triggered.

- ☐ **Look at trees from safe ground**
Choose a safe position away from damaged branches and power lines. Do not climb for a closer look.
- ☐ **Note visible hazard signs**
Look for hanging limbs, trunk splits, decay or a changed lean. Photograph concerns only where it is safe.
- ☐ **Arrange an arborist assessment**
Ask a qualified arborist about concerning trees. Leave large-limb cutting, climbing and work near power lines to qualified workers.

Safety: Never climb, cut large limbs or approach power lines. Ask an arborist to assess concerning trees.

Additional time: None

Timing basis: ISA verifies hazard signs and professional assessment. Twice-yearly cadence is editorial. Equipment instructions and actual conditions take priority.

Guidance: [Source 1](#)

[Open the online checklist and how-to links](#)

Follow-up notes

Other maintenance this week

Up to 92 additional active minutes if every item applies. Spread these out. Skip equipment you do not have and monthly checks already completed.

- ☐ **Walk through for leaks and humidity** (Weekly; 10 min)
Look under sinks and at ceilings. Read a hygrometer. Log new dampness. Aim for 30-50% RH, below 60%.
Safety: Fix leaks promptly. Dry wet materials within 24-48 hours. Refer extensive, hidden or contaminated damage to a professional. [Guide](#)
- ☐ **Read refrigerator and freezer thermometers** (Weekly planning check; 2 min)
Read appliance thermometers. Refrigerator should be 40 F or below; freezer 0 F or below.
Safety: Investigate unsafe temperatures promptly. An appliance setting is not a thermometer reading. [Guide](#)
- ☐ **Remove mosquito breeding water** (Weekly during mosquito season; 5 min)
Empty and scrub or cover small water-holding containers, including birdbaths and plant saucers.
Safety: Do not enter unsafe water or disturb electrical equipment. Pesticides must follow their labels. [Guide](#)
- ☐ **Check vents and clean accessible grilles** (Quarterly planning check; 15 min)
Vacuum reachable interior grilles and check accessible outdoor openings for debris.
Safety: Switch equipment off for cleaning. Do not remove required guards, obstruct combustion vents or handle wildlife nests. [Guide](#)
- ☐ **Check house-number visibility** (Twice yearly planning check; 10 min)
Check that responders can read the address from the street. Clear low growth or replace faded numbers.
Safety: Use safe ground access. An electrician handles any needed wiring repair. [Guide](#)
- ☐ **Inspect roof from the ground** (Twice yearly planning check; 20 min)
Use binoculars to note displaced shingles, sagging or visible damage.
Safety: Stay on the ground. A roofer assesses leaks or structural concerns. [Guide](#)
- ☐ **Inspect dishwasher filter** (Monthly inspection; clean per model/use; 10 min)
Remove debris from a serviceable filter. Rinse gently and lock it back in place.
Safety: Switch off first. Do not force a maintenance-free filter out. Watch for sharp debris. [Guide](#)
- ☐ **Clean washing machine** (Monthly or every 30 cycles, per manual; 10 min)
Run the model's cleaning cycle. Clean its dispenser, gasket and serviceable filters as directed.
Safety: Never mix cleaning products. Do not force access to a non-serviceable filter. [Guide](#)
- ☐ **Check HVAC condensate drain** (Monthly while cooling; 5 min)
Look for water in the emergency pan and abnormal drain discharge.
Safety: Shut off cooling and call for help if water is backing up. No unapproved chemicals or compressed air. [Guide](#)
- ☐ **Maintain dehumidifier filter and drain** (Monthly planning check; 5 min)
Check filter and drain hose against the manual. Confirm the unit is reducing humidity.
Safety: Unplug before cleaning. Address recurring dampness at its source. [Guide](#)

Optional housekeeping & reminders

About 203 active minutes for cleaning: 143 for the regular routine plus this week's detail. Spread it out. Laundry and machine cycles add time.

Follow care labels, ventilate and never mix cleaning products. Use safe access and hire help for height or heavy items.

Regular cleaning routine

- ☐ **Wipe down the kitchen**
Counters, cooled stovetop, sink and appliance fronts.
- ☐ **Vacuum and mop floors**
Include stairs. Use the method approved for your flooring.
- ☐ **Dust and refresh upholstery**
Top to bottom. Vacuum cushions and fluff pillows.
- ☐ **Clean bathrooms and reachable glass**
Toilets, sinks, tub or shower, mirrors and glass.
- ☐ **Review food storage and empty bins**
Check leftovers. Wipe sticky trash and recycling bins.
- ☐ **Wash bedding, towels and bathmats**
Replace sheets and pillowcases. Follow care labels.

This week's detail

- ☐ **Vacuum window treatments, moldings and sills** (15 min)
Vacuum compatible window treatments and dust reachable moldings and sills.
Safety: Follow fabric instructions. Use safe access and avoid disturbing suspect old paint.
- ☐ **Dust portable and ceiling fans** (15 min)
Dust portable and reachable ceiling-fan blades.
Safety: Switch off and isolate power before access. Use stable safe access.
- ☐ **Scrub outdoor furniture, umbrellas and awnings** (30 min)
Clean a small set of outdoor furniture, umbrellas or awnings using the product method.
Safety: Avoid unsafe height and high pressure on fragile materials. Split large sets into sessions.

Only if it applies: household and equipment

Additional time. Keep personal and financial records private.

- ☐ **Sort magazines and catalogs** (3 min)
Sort current reading and recycle or file unwanted items.
Safety: Protect personal information before recycling.

- ☐ **Review bank and card transactions** (10 min)
Review recent transactions and flag unfamiliar charges or missing records.
Safety: Use trusted account access. Keep financial details out of shared copies.
- ☐ **Review inboxes, bills and paperwork** (10 min)
Review due bills and correspondence; file completed paperwork.
Safety: Protect account numbers and avoid duplicate payments.

Optional vehicle reminders

A reminder is a due-date check. Use the manual, mileage, condition and service history.

- ☐ **Review engine air-filter service** (5 min)
Check the maintenance record and replace only when due.
Safety: Some vehicles have no engine filter. Avoid dirt entry and unfamiliar disassembly.
- ☐ **Review cabin air-filter service** (5 min)
Check the replacement record and service per instructions.
Safety: Do not damage trim, wiring or safety-system components.
- ☐ **Clean vehicle interior** (30 min)
Clean one interior section and remove unnecessary loose items.
Safety: Use compatible products and keep mats/objects clear of pedals.

Between reminders: clean the dryer lint screen each load. Inspect after significant storms and address failed alarms, leaks or unsafe equipment promptly. Portable humidifiers in use need daily water care and cleaning every third day. Pools need more frequent care and barrier supervision during use.

Move outdoor work for heat, lightning, rain or ice. Prepare plumbing before a forecast freeze. Repairs, professional service, materials and machine cycles add time.