

January Checklist

- Test all of your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Keep an eye out for bargains on discontinued appliances and tools. Before buying make sure the warranties are still valid.
- Organize your home improvement files. Review warranties and product manuals for recommended maintenance for furnaces, equipment, appliances and tools. Update your calendar to keep everything on schedule.
- Update your home inventory list. Add new items that you received as holiday gifts and include pictures of each item.
- Review your homeowners policy. Make sure you have enough coverage under your contents section (your updated inventory list comes in to play here), and be aware of the different deductibles you may be subject to. Make notes on any questions you have for your agent.
- Remove drain traps from under your sinks and clean them thoroughly along with the pop-up drain plugs.
- Test your water heater temperature pressure relief valve by lowering the test lever and allowing some water to flow through the pipe. If no water flows or if it only trickles out replace the valve.