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The bare-minimum home-maintenance plan

We understand that taking good care of our biggest asset (our home) is important, but property maintenance takes time and energy. Houses are sturdy, strong and reliable, so it is easy to forget they need care and attention too.

1. Wash your home every year or two

This will stop moss from growing and will help maintain your paintwork.

2. Clear the gutters once a year

Blocked gutters can be the cause of flooding, especially with an internal guttering system.

3. Keep trees away from the property

This will also increase the amount of sun and light into your home plus stop rodents from getting into your roof

4. Paint the outside if it needs it

Every 7-10 years is recommended and more frequently for monolithic clad homes.

5. Inspect your deck

Clean it once a year and replace raised nails and broken or damaged boards.

6. Get your fireplace checked

It is important to do this annually to make sure it is safe to use. It is also a requirement for some insurance companies.

7. Take a walk!

Slowly walk around the outside of your home, every 3-6 months, looking for any signs of cracks, damage, or blocked drainage. It is a good idea to do this on a windy and rainy day so you can see if gutters are loose or over-flowing.