

Today's new homes are easier to care for than homes of the past, but there are still things you should do to maintain new [homes in Boise ID](#). Taking care of our homes keeps them safe, healthy, and pleasant. It also helps them hold their value for when we're ready to sell.

Ideally, you should have a regular routine of maintenance tasks that you do every month year-round and seasonal tasks that are only done once or twice a year. Some are DIY, while professionals best handle others. Here is our list of things to do in your home this fall, plus a monthly list for all seasons. Some will depend on your HOA services if you live in a community.

### **Fall Tasks**

- Have the heating system serviced. Schedule service early in the fall or even in late summer. The goal is to ensure your HVAC is functioning correctly and at peak efficiency before winter starts.
- Have fireplaces and chimneys cleaned and inspected. Consult your owner's manual or check the manufacturer's website for details.
- Plant grass if needed. Dogs, children, and the weather can cause thin or bare spots in the yard. Early fall is a great time to seed these areas.
- Paint indoors and out. Dry, cooler fall weather is the perfect time to touch up paint or change colors. Check with your HOA before painting outside.
- Clean gutters. Fallen leaves and debris can block the flow of water and cause damage to your home.
- Keep leaves and other debris out of air conditioner condenser units.
- Drain outdoor hoses and sprinklers. Turn off outdoor faucets if they aren't frost-proof.

### **Monthly Year-Round Tasks**

- Look over your home inside and out. Look for any repairs that need to be made. Use binoculars or the zoom feature on your phone camera to look at your roof for shingle damage, especially after storms. Check inside the attic for signs of leaks, insects, or rodents. Examine trees for broken or damaged branches or trunks that could fall on your house.
- Test smoke and CO detectors. Check expiration dates on fire extinguishers.
- Clean or change the furnace filter. Follow directions in the owner's manual.
- Empty dryer lint traps and clean exterior vents.

These tips can help you preserve your new home's beauty and energy efficiency in Cartwright Ranch in Boise ID. Our 100% Energy Star certified homes will keep you

comfortable year-round while providing the lifestyle you want.

Call Brett Swann today at 208-917-4870 to plan your visit to the Cartwright Ranch community of new [homes in Boise ID](#).