



## Home Maintenance Tips for Mid-winter

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Now that we've removed holiday decorations from inside and outside our homes, it's time to focus on areas of the house and yard that may have been neglected during the past couple of months.

**Water Softener:** Check salt level and add bottle of cleanser, if necessary

**AC Filters:** Replace monthly or every three months, depending on manufacturer's instructions

**Appliances:** Many appliances have filters that need to be replaced on a regular basis, such as every 6 months for the water filter in your refrigerator

**Garage:** Cool weather is the perfect time to declutter and organize your garage, sweep the floor, clean the shelving

**Closets:** Shoes, coats and clothes you no longer wear can be culled from your closet to give away

**Drawers:** Time to clean out the junk drawer!

**Pantry:** Reorganizing your kitchen pantry can be quite satisfying, as well as making it easier to find just what you're looking for when you're cooking

**Windows and Window Coverings:** Dust blinds, vacuum drapes, wash windows, clean window sills

**Gutters:** Remove debris from the gutters and consider installing a gutter leaf guard to minimize maintenance

**Tree Trimming:** Late winter is an excellent time to have your Live Oaks pruned

**Fencing:** Call a fencing company for cost estimates if your fence is in need of repair or replacement

**Irrigation System:** Schedule your spring irrigation system check-up

**Attic Insulation:** If you believe your home could benefit from additional insulation in the attic, winter is a good time to get estimates