

1. Foundation: Ensure Structural Integrity

How to do it:

- Inspect the foundation and support structure for cracks or imbalances.
- Use a standard carpenter level or water level to check if the home is level.
- For homes with crawl spaces, slab foundations, or basement foundations, look for visible cracking, sagging, or shifting.

2. Skirting: Prevent Moisture and Damage

How to do it:

- Examine the skirting or perimeter enclosure for holes or cracks.
- Ensure proper ventilation with approximately one square foot of venting for every 150 square feet of space beneath the home.

3. Roof: Maintain and Protect

How to do it:

- Regularly check the roof for damage, debris, and missing shingles.
- Inspect flashing and roof caulking for cracks or soft spots.
- Consider resealing or recoating the roof annually, using the appropriate coating for your roof material.

4. Gutters: Prevent Water Damage

How to do it:

- Clean out gutters regularly to prevent clogs and water damage.
- In areas with frequent rain or snowfall, clean gutters at least twice a year.

5. Siding: Keep it Clean and Mold-Free

How to do it:

- Clean the siding regularly to avoid mold and mildew growth.
- Use detergent or a 1:3 solution of chlorine bleach and water for stubborn mildew.
- Consider specialized cleaning products for mold and rust removal.

6. Window and Vent Caulking: Maintain Seals

How to do it:

- Review caulking around windows and vents regularly.
- Reseal any damaged or deteriorating caulking.
- Pay attention to seals around other systems that use caulking or sealant.

7. Heating and HVAC Systems: Ensure Clean Air

How to do it:

- Clean or replace filters in your heating and HVAC systems several times a year.
- Vacuum air systems annually to improve air quality.
- Consider professional cleaning services for ducts and vents to extend the life of your systems.

8. Smart Cleaning Indoors: Protect Surfaces

How to do it:

- Use gentle cleaning products to avoid discoloration of walls, surfaces, and fixtures.
- Avoid abrasive solutions like pure bleach, especially on fiberglass fixtures, to prevent damage.