Your home may be the biggest investment you will ever make. Taking good care of it with regular maintenance is necessary to preserve its value and ensure it will provide a comfortable, safe shelter for you and your family for years to come.

Owning and maintaining a home is no easy task. In fact, it takes careful planning and diligence to keep your house maintained properly. Much like a car, a home requires regular maintenance if you want it to last.

Routine Home Maintenance Suggestions

**Check tile grout** in bathrooms, kitchen, etc.; repair as needed. This will prolong the life of your tiled surfaces and just looks better.

**Check caulking** around sinks, showers and bathtubs; repair as needed.

**Run water and flush toilets in unused spaces.** This mostly applies to guest bathrooms, or any other sinks/water sources you don’t use on a regular basis. The idea is to prevent grime or any other kind of buildup. Regularly running a little bit of water through will prevent this.

**Inspect the exterior of your home.** Is any paint chipping? Take a close look all around your house, and make any repairs as needed.

**Repair/replace damaged windows and screens.** You don’t want bugs making their way in because you missed a hole in a window screen.

**Clean out window wells** of dust, debris, and insects so that your windows close properly.

**Electrical Panel.** Familiarize yourself with your Electrical Panel and which breakers power which rooms.

**Solar Water Heater.** Ensure that you get acquainted with the maintenance procedures in your manual.

**Inspect roofing** annually for damage, leaks, etc. Repair as needed; be prepared to re-seal your concrete roof as part of routine maintenance.

**Check the exterior drainage.** If you or your neighbors have built a wall or fence or have paved any areas you need to ensure that puddles do not stand around your home for more than 72 hours. If water stays, or moves toward your foundation, you have a few options. Re-Grade the area around your home yourself; or have professionals come out and raise the area so that water drains away from your home.

**Overseas Purchasers.** We strongly recommend that you have a local contact/agent that can make regular visits to your home to check on your home and keep your yard properly maintained.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON THE PURCHASE OF YOUR NEW HOME!**