

Here's Your Honey-Do List

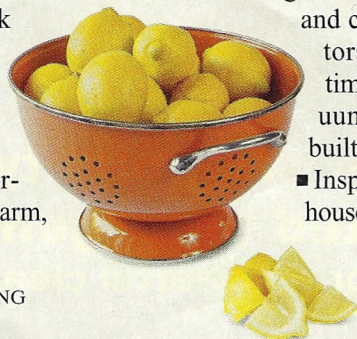
Mark your calendar. These often overlooked household chores will keep your home in top shape all year.

Weekly

- Clean the lint trap in your dryer after each load.
- Vacuum carpet and rugs at least once a week. For high-traffic areas, vacuum twice a week or more.
- Test your carbon monoxide detector. This is especially important during cold-weather months when your furnace is running.

Monthly

- Eliminate gnats that live in traps under the sink by pouring $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of bleach down the drain. Follow with 1 gallon of water.
- Clean your refrigerator door seal with warm,



soapy water and a sponge.

- Run pieces of lemon through the disposal to eliminate unpleasant odors.
- Remove bacteria-causing residue in whirlpool tubs that aren't self-cleaning. Fill the bath with warm water 2 inches above the jets. Add 2 teaspoons of dishwashing detergent and 20 ounces of bleach. Run the jets for 5 to 10 minutes. Drain and rinse tub with water.

Twice a Year

- Change the batteries in both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when daylight saving time begins and ends. Vacuum them to remove any built-up dust.
- Inspect the exterior of your house for cracks in the bricks,

foundation, or stucco and damaged gutters and roof shingles.

- Clean exterior light fixtures, and remove dead bugs and cobwebs.
- Clean out the dryer vent by unplugging the dryer and removing the tube that connects it to the wall. Clean out the area behind the dryer, and remove lint with a vent-cleaning brush.
- Vacuum the coils on the back of your refrigerator and the vent on the front of the unit to keep the appliance running efficiently.



Annually

- Inspect the washing machine hose for potential problems such as stiffness or brittleness. Replace it, if necessary.
- Inspect door locks for ease of use. If the lock has become tight, it may cause your key to break in it. Use liquid graphite or lock lubricant to solve the problem. ♦