

**August Checklist:** 10 Things to Do Around Your Home This Month to keep it clean and well-maintained.

**1 Ladies & Gentlemen, start your engines:**

Get ready for the [carpool season](#) by detailing and servicing the car. At least you'll start the school year looking good...

**2 Play ball!**

Or rather, clean ball. In fact, clean all your sports equipment and put it away in the proper place.

**3 To air is human:**

Open up all the [the windows](#). Refresh your house one last time in August before closing up shop for the winter.

**4 Nooks and crannies:**

Give your little ones brooms and send them on cobweb hunts. When the last one has been demolished, take the tykes to a movie.

**5 Clean cleaning equipment:**

Mops, brooms, buckets, vacuum cleaners all get dirty, too. Replace heads on mops, replace brooms altogether, scrub buckets and service the [vacuum cleaner](#). Now: That should work a little better.

**6 Oh rubbish!**

Clean trashcans, recycling cans, and trash compactor.

**7 Special delivery:**

Touch up the mailbox with a coat of fresh paint. Get fancy if you fancy.



### **8 Door of opportunity:**

Repaint the front door while you have the brush out. (Wash it at the very least.)

### **9 Who ya gonna call?**

An exterminating company (just [ants?](#) you can probably deal with that little item yourself) to make sure your home goes into the winter pest-free.

### **10 Hot enough for ya?**

Get your heating system checked to make sure there are no leaks and no unpleasant surprises when cold weather sets in.