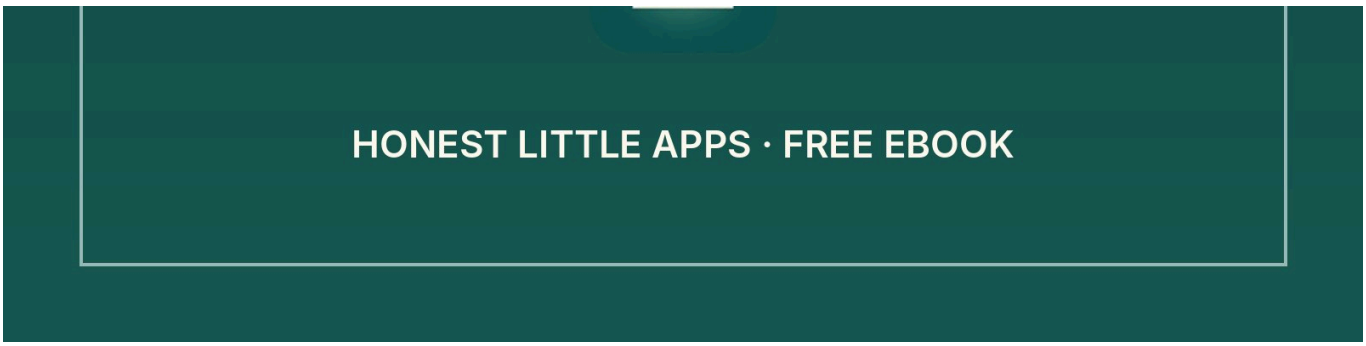
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About an hour a month keeps most homes safe and costs down. Each month lists three jobs.

Home maintenance: November checklist

This month's three jobs (about an hour in total):

- Replace the HVAC filter for heating season.
- Check smoke and CO alarms.
- Put non-slip mats where floors get wet.

Helping a parent? Do the safety items (rails, lights, mats, trip hazards) at their place too.

Home maintenance: December checklist

This month's three jobs (about an hour in total):

- Check holiday light cords for damage.
- Know where the main water shut-off is and label it.
- Clear snow and ice paths; stock ice melt.

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Home maintenance: January checklist

This month's three jobs (about an hour in total):

- Replace or check the HVAC filter.
- Test the sump pump if you have one.
- Check for drafts around doors and windows.

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Home maintenance: February checklist

This month's three jobs (about an hour in total):

- Clean the range hood filter.
- Check grout and caulk around tubs and showers.
- Vacuum fridge coils.

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Home maintenance: March checklist

This month's three jobs (about an hour in total):

- Check the roof and gutters after winter storms.
- Book an A/C service before the spring rush.
- Flip or rotate mattresses.

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Home maintenance: April checklist

This month's three jobs (about an hour in total):

- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Check outdoor faucets and hoses for freeze damage.
- Inspect deck and steps for loose boards.

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Home maintenance: May checklist

This month's three jobs (about an hour in total):

- Clean window screens and check for tears.
- Test GFCI outlets (press TEST, then RESET).
- Clear dryer vent lint from the outside duct.

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Home maintenance: June checklist

This month's three jobs (about an hour in total):

- Check grab bars and stair rails are solid.
- Trim plants back from the house and A/C unit.
- Clean the dishwasher filter.

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Home maintenance: July checklist

This month's three jobs (about an hour in total):

- Check the water heater area for leaks.
- Re-caulk any gaps around windows.
- Inspect the garage door's auto-reverse.

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Home maintenance: August checklist

This month's three jobs (about an hour in total):

- Check walkways and steps for trip hazards.
- Deep-clean the fridge and check the door seal.

- Inspect attic for leaks or pests.

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Home maintenance: September checklist

This month's three jobs (about an hour in total):

- Book a furnace or heat-pump service.
- Clean gutters again as leaves fall.
- Check weatherstripping on doors.

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Home maintenance: October checklist

This month's three jobs (about an hour in total):

- Drain and disconnect outdoor hoses before frost.
- Check night lights along hallways and stairs.
- Have the chimney inspected if you use it.

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