



TWELVE MONTHS, TWELVE SMALL MOVES

The water year

— cheap to prevent, expensive to ignore.

SPRING

MAR – MAY

- Reconnect hoses**
check each hose bib's vacuum breaker for winter cracks
- Annual pressure test**
a \$10 hose-bib gauge — healthy is roughly 40–80 psi
- Pool-water taste?**
many utilities flush their mains in spring — it passes

SUMMER

JUN – AUG

- Irrigation backflow check**
confirm the preventer is there (and tested, where required)
- Away a week or more?**
close the main shut-off before you go
- Walk the outdoor lines**
peak season — look for drips at bibs and sprinklers

FALL

SEP – NOV

- Flush the water heater**
hose on the drain valve, 10 minutes — kills the rumble
- Test the T&P lever**
the heater's safety valve — twice a year
- Disconnect hoses**
before the first freeze — the #1 burst-pipe setup

WINTER

DEC – FEB

- Hard freeze tonight?**
drip faucets on exterior walls; open cabinet doors under sinks
- Traveling?**
heat stays on, main goes off
- House guests or sitters?**
show them the main shut-off — 30 seconds, zero regrets

No season required:

- Every 2 months** — pitcher / fridge cartridges — past that they stop catching much
- Every 3 months** — meter leak test: everything off, dial still = all good
- Monthly** — softener owners: eyeball the salt level

Want the once-a-year version done WITH you, free?

The in-home Home Water Checkup covers heater, pressure, and hardness — free.

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