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# Monthly Home Maintenance

## REPAIR DRYWALL

Drywall can get damaged during the bumps and scrapes of life, but repairs can be a fairly simple DIY job. Scrape away loose debris near small holes and dents, then fill with a fast-drying spackling compound. Larger holes may need a mesh or drywall patch.

## INSPECT HARDWARE

Fix squeaky door hinges, handles, and loose locks. A squirt of WD-40 should do the trick.

## KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

It's the heart of your home. If you're not planning a remodel this year, now is the time to show it a little love. Start with deep cleaning appliances (including vacuuming refrigerator coils for the second time this year) and organizing cupboards. Update the faucet or lighting fixtures if needed, and do a round of touch-up painting for the cabinets.

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