

Fun Fall Events to Mark Your Calendars For:

Neighborhood Halloween House Decorating Contest: This annual tradition sure is a lot of fun. Your HOA team will be going through the neighborhood and picking some houses to win! Make sure you go all out for bragging rights of the SPOOKIEST houses in the neighborhood!

Littleton Harvest Festival: Saturday, October 9, 2021, Littleton Museum, 6028 Gallop Street from 10-3 pm, Food, wagon rides, pictures, carnival, and pumpkin picking.

Golden's Autumn Fest: Sunday, October 3, Golden History Museum, 923 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401 from 11 am to 4:00 pm.

Chatfield Pumpkin Festival: Friday through Sunday, October 8-10 from 9 to 4 pm, 8500 W. Dry Creek Canyon Road, Littleton, CO 80128. There will be the

corn maze, live music, food, pumpkin patch, local artisan and craft booths, food trucks, beer vendors, etc. Visit www. botanicgardens.org for more information.

Monster Movie Night: Aspen Grove-Thursday, October 21 at 6 pm

2021 19th Annual Haunts of Littleton Walking Tour: October 22, 23, 29 and 30th. www.hauntsoflittleton.com

Magic of the Jack O' Lanterns Fall Festival At Hudson Gardens: Entire Month of October www.magicofthejackolanterns.com.. Tickets are selling fast! This will be a larger than life pumpkin display! Don't miss your chance to see a fall carnival, illuminated dinosaurs and dragons and thousands of hand carved jack-o-lanterns.

Next HOA Meeting HOA will be meeting remotely until further notice.

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Fall Hiking

Your newsletter editor is a big fan of staycations in Colorado, exploring mountain towns and hiking. Recently on the e-newsletter outherecolorado.com, a list of the top 7 "hiking towns" to stay at was published. Here they are in order!

- 1. Buena Vista. Located in central Colorado between the mountain towns of Salida and Leadville. From scenic strolls along the river to bagging 14,000 foot summits, endless opportunities for adventure await in this part of the state. Mt. Princeton is a highlight to check out, Ptarmigan Lake and the San Isabel National Forest.
- **2.** Aspen. Aspen is the one mountain town you'll want to add to your Colorado bucket list. My personal favorite is the Maroon Bells. If you haven't seen them,

no matter what time of year you go, it's breathtakingly beautiful!

- **3. Breckenridge.** Another great spot for hiking, taking in the "Breckenridge mountain troll," strolling through festivals (there always is something going on here). This lively mountain town is surrounded by stunning views.
- 4. Colorado Springs. If you head south of Denver, you'll find Colorado Springs. The Garden of the Gods, Pikes Peak, the Manitou Incline, Cave of the Winds, and so much more! And just a touch over an hour away. Only bad thing is the "gap" construction on I25.
- 5. Crested Butte. There's nothing quite like exploring Crested Butte. It's a bit of a drive, but so stunningly beau-

tiful. Some fun places to check out include Rustler Gulch, Green Lake, Washington Gulch, Snodgrass and Whetstone Vista Loop. And for the BEST Aspens, be sure to take the pass between Buena Vista and Crested Butte during the fall. Wow!

- 6. Telluride. Surrounded by the San Juan Mountains, Telluride is the perfect spot for chasing a new adventure. You'll find this picturesque mountain town nestled in a box canyon. A "must see" is Bridal Falls. Mount Sneffels is also here to check out.
- Silverton. This tiny town has a deep history in mining and is a great option for hiking. The Ice Lakes trail is one of the most stunning destinations. Columbine Lake, Handies Peak, Highland Mary Lake and Redeloud Peak are awesome.

Williamsburg II 2021 HOA Payment Coupon

Membership: \$35.00. All residents of Williamsburg II are encouraged to join! Please return this form and a check made payable to Williamsburg II HOA and mail to Mark Hickman, 10588 W. Roxbury Avenue, Littleton, CO 80127. Your dues pay for the maintenance of the front entrance, electricity for the lights, Board of Directors insurance and social events that promote community involvement. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you! Pay in October 2021 and you will be entered to win a prize!

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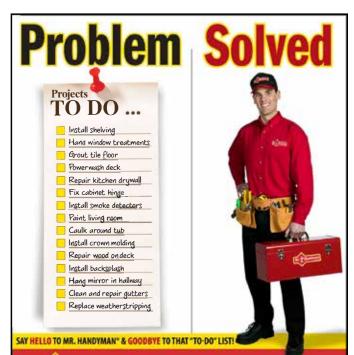
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Moisture And Water Damage

One of the most common causes of home maintenance problems is excess moisture in the house. Moisture is able to enter your house in a variety of ways: leaks in the roof, windows, or walls, through improperly installed or damaged pipes, faulty HVAC systems, or most commonly just from condensation, which refers to the moisture already present in the air condensing into liquid water due to temperature differences between the interior and exterior of a home.

Once inside your home, moisture causes wood to rot, bacteria to accumulate, mildew and mold to grow, and all sorts of other nasty negative effects to your nice clean house. Preventing moisture and water damage as a homeowner should be one of your main house maintenance tasks. Start by making sure all of your windows and doors are free of cracks or leaks. Replace any windows or doors that show signs of water leakage immediately. You should also check your roof once a year to make sure there aren't any leaks. Any moldy or musty smell might indicate some level of water damage and should be checked more carefully.

In addition to regularly checking your windows, doors, and roof, you should be sure to wipe down window sills every day during the winter when condensation is likely accumulating on your windows. You can control this condensation by installing exhaust fans in the kitchen and bathrooms in order to reduce interior moisture. Any condensation between window panes signals that your windows are leaking air and should be replaced. By actively guarding your house against water damage, you can avoid tons of potential issues down the line.



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A Little Home Maintenance Can Help Avoid Problems Down the Road

Most severe damage in a house occurs after several months or years of accumulating dust or water damage, resulting in a catastrophic failure of a major component such as a wall or sensitive electronics. By simply taking an active approach in maintaining your home and making sure to stop and repair the damage before it becomes severe, you can avoid a major home maintenance headache and save a lot of time and money. Here are five of the most common home maintenance issues, and how you can prevent them before they become a problem in the first place!

HVAC Maintenance -

HVAC systems, or heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, are another common area in the house to experience failure or issues if left unmaintained for too long. Not only are HVAC systems prone to breaking at the most inconvenient times if proper maintenance isn't carried out, but they also end up less efficient in the long run if the system isn't functioning as well as it can, which means higher energy bills in the long run. By regularly maintaining your HVAC system you can also avoid costly repair fees or even replacing the whole system sooner than you have to.

Although maintaining your HVAC system may seem like a job only professionals can handle, there are lots of small tasks that you can do on your own, as well. You should try to replace the air filters on your HVAC system every 30 to 90 days, and be sure to purchase high-quality filters to prevent dust from entering. Additionally, make sure that none of the components in your HVAC system are frayed and replace any that are. You should also pay for an HVAC maintenance professional to check your HVAC system once a year and make the necessary repairs in order to prevent a catastrophic failure when you aren't expecting it.

Dust Control

Dust is one of the most common unwanted substances in a home. What we call dust is really just the accumulation of airborne particles, usually from dead skin cells, sweat, and lint. Dust also contains the remnants and feces of tiny little insects called dust mites. Gross! Not only is dust a bit disgusting, it can severely interfere with any moving parts in your house, not just in your HVAC system and electrical wiring, but with electronics such as computers and other devices. Inhaling dust is also bad for your health, aggravating allergies and respiratory conditions such as asthma. Be sure to dust surfaces in your house regularly, using a dampened cloth to wipe away the dust in order to better trap the dust.

Electrical Wear And Tear

Exposed electrical wiring can be extremely dangerous, which is why they're usually covered by a layer of rubber insulation. This rubber layer can degrade over time due to friction against household objects and walls, or simply due to the rubber deteriorating naturally over time. You should check the exposed electric writing in your home for wear and tear annually in order to prevent electric failures or dangerous accidents. You should also check cords on any of your household electronic devices including lamps and other fixtures to make sure they're in working order.

Drainage Maintenance

Finally, another common home maintenance issue is damage due to drain clogging and overflowing. Drainage pipes both in the interior and exterior of your house can get clogged due to waste such as leaves, dirt, and sewage, resulting in nasty and dangerous backups of waste. You should have your drains unclogged annually to make sure your drainage system is working as intended.

By regularly maintaining your home and following these simple tips, you can avoid a major issue down the line and keep your house looking and feeling tiptop!

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Younger Workers Leaving The Workforce

The World Economic Forum reports that 41% of employees around the world are thinking about quitting their jobs, according to one survey by Microsoft. Among those 18-25, more than half—54%—are considering an exit.

What's going on? Among Gen Z, the problem is burnout. Sixteen percent say they're struggling to feel excited about or engaged in their work, compared to 14% of millennials, 13% of Gen X, and 12% of boomers. They're also feeling neglected and/or ignored: Sixteen percent say they have trouble getting a word in during meetings, and 11% feel unable to bring new ideas to the table.

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 3–9. This year's campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" works to educate everyone about the different sounds smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe.

World Space Week

Oct. 4–10. World Space Week is a celebration of space held annually. It is the largest space event on Earth, with more than 8,000 events held in 96 countries, organized by thousands of organizations, including space agencies, aerospace companies, astronomy clubs, and museums.



Pumpkin Festival at Chatfield Farms

Celebrate fall at Pumpkin Festival at Chatfield Farms, a treasured October tradition for the entire family. Enjoy a day of family and children's activities, including the 10-acre pumpkin patch. Pumpkin prices vary by size; the average price is \$8. Credit card payment ONLY for pumpkin sales.

It is recommended to bring a wagon to transport pumpkins. Free pumpkin daycare is available while you enjoy the rest of the festival.

Discounted Corn Maze tickets can be added for an additional \$8 per adult or child.

You must purchase a ticket online for a specific date and time to visit. Tickets will not be available onsite.

Festival includes:

- Family and Children's activities
- Local Craft and artisan booths
- Entertainment and live music
- Food trucks and food vendors
- Beer Vendor

Admission Includes:

- Entry to the pumpkin patch
- Antique tractor exhibit by Front Range Antique Power Association
- Tractor Pulled Parking Shuttles
- Hayrides
- Photo Booths
- 20 Carnival tickets for game and inflatable bouncers, slides and obstacle course per child's paid admission.
- Mini-maze for kids 10 and younger

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- Express face painting
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Additional costs include Corn Maze right next door, pumpkin golf cart shuttles directly to your car, stunt jump and additional carnival tickets for games and inflatables.

Time, Dates, Directions

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 11-13, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day (last entry at 4 p.m.) Directions: from C-470 exit Wadsworth, go south to the stoplight at Deer Creek Canyon Road and turn right. Entrance is $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on the left.

Snuggle Up To A Fragrant Fire

Fall is the perfect time to fire up the fireplace with a cozy blaze. If you want to add a little fragrance to your hearth, try these types of wood to sweeten your fire:

- Apple. It not only sweetens the smell, it produces colorful flames.
- Cherry. Although not as sweet as apple wood, cherry wood still adds a little sugar in the mix.
- Hickory. Known to many great barbecue grill-meisters, hickory brings in a nice nutty aroma and is a great heat producer.
- Black birch. Don't like your fires so sweet? Black birch adds just enough spice with its cinnamon scent.

