



Welcome to the 1st Homeowners Newsletter from APEX Home Inspection! Our hope is that you'll find information you can actually use regarding your home. Each issue, we'll talk about things to make your home more energy efficient, safer for you and your family, and about general maintenance issues. This newsletter is for customers of APEX, but feel free to share with your friends and family!

Our goal is to provide timely information throughout the year that is both relevant and interesting to homeowners. If there are subjects you would like to see addressed, please contact us by emailing john@apex-hi.com and tell us what you would like to see.

Your September "Do List"...

Fall is in the air, so make plans now for the coming winter months.

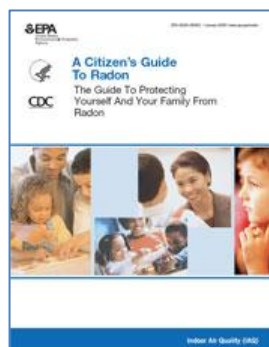
- Clean your gutters and verify all downspouts are clear. If you use a pressure washer, use caution to prevent damage to roofing shingles. High pressure water has enough force to break shingles.
- Change batteries in all smoke detectors.
- Change all air conditioner/furnace filters. We hope you are doing this monthly. If not, NOW is a good time while we have some weather that allows us to turn the air conditioning off and open some windows.
- If you plan to use your fireplace this winter, have your chimney or flu checked by a professional.
- Do a "walk around" the entire perimeter of your home, looking for damaged or missing vinyl siding and trim, and for damaged or missing roofing shingles. You may have to stand away from your home to view the roof. If you have binoculars, use them for looking at your roof. Get any repairs done BEFORE they become serious.
- If your clothes dryer vent goes through the basement or crawlspace, inspect it for breaks and ensure there are no "dips" in the hose that can become lint traps and clog. You don't want moisture from the dryer accumulating inside the house anywhere – whether it's your basement or crawlspace, and a clogged hose can quickly become a fire hazard.



Living With Radon

Did you know radon is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and is responsible for more deaths annually than drunk driving? Did you know an estimated 40% of the homes in Kentucky have a radon level above the EPA recommended limit? This is nearly 6 times the national average! For your and your family's health and well being, learn about the risks of living with radon. Visit our website and learn more. We have a Certified Radon Measurement Specialist who can test your home, explain in detail your results, and recommend further action if necessary.

Go to www.apex-hi.com and read about radon and the risks associated with high indoor levels. For even more information ask for your FREE copy of the EPA Bulletin - A Citizen's Guide to Radon. We'll promptly mail you a copy. We want you to have ALL the facts when it comes to radon.



Tip of the Month – Choosing a Contractor

Regardless of how well we maintain our homes, there will be a need, from time to time, to call in a professional. Follow these simple steps when choosing a service contractor:

- **Use personal references.** Talk to your family and friends – always a source for good referrals.
- **Use the Better Business Bureau.** They keep ratings on accredited companies and have a nice search engine on their website for locating service contractors. Go to <http://bluegrassbbb.org>.
- If you're dealing with a profession that is licensed, **ask for their licensing information.** Any licensed contractor will gladly oblige.

Send all inquires to john@apex-hi.com. If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please send an email and we'll remove your name. Call us at (877) 366-6052.

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