Monthly home maintenance checklist by Great Day Improvements, LLC®

- **Fire extinguishers:** Make sure that they fully charged and recharge or replace as needed.
- **Stoppers in sinks and drains:** Check and make sure the stoppers are not cracked or deteriorating. Remove any debris and any scum with a white vinegar/water solution or commercial cleaning product.
- **Water Softener:** Check the drum for proper salt level and replenish as needed.
- **Furnace Filters:** Check filters monthly and replace as needed.
- **Vents and Cold Air Returns:** Vacuum cold air returns with a brush attachment. Lift up floor vents and vacuum both sides; run the hose of the vacuum cleaner down the vent to remove loose debris.
- **Outdoor Dryer Vent:** Use a flashlight to look inside the vent from the outside to see if it looks clear; when the dryer is running go outside and make sure that air is passing freely; clean as needed. The vent inside the dryer itself should be cleaned after every use.
- **Windows:** Check for cold air drafts coming through the window when closed. Make sure the windows are properly closed and locked. When weather permits, replace caulking as needed. Windows that are inefficient should be replaced.
- **Doors:** Make sure that exterior doors close tightly and that the locks work. Check interior doors for good closure and if the hinges squeak, oil as needed.
- **Filters:** Check and clean oven vent filters.
- **Faucets:** Check faucets for leaks or drips; rinse or replace faucet screens as needed. Repair leaks in a timely fashion.
- **Toilets:** Check for leaks; replace hoses and interior tank kits as needed.
- **Plumbing:** Check pipes, especially those that are hidden in closets or sink bases for leaks. If they need fixed, repair them as soon as possible. Check grout and caulk around bathtubs and replace as needed. Fix slow moving drains with plumbing additives or contact a local plumber.
- **Check sump pump.**
- **Humidifier:** Check and replace humidifier filters and change residual water when low.
- **Check security system:** Call the company for routine checks on live monitoring of your system.
- **Exterior:** Walk around checking for cracks in the foundation, broken or loose siding and damaged or missing shingles. Repair or replace as needed.
- **Check exterior faucets:** Fix leaks or loose fittings and turn off exterior faucets before each winter.
- **Exterior Lighting:** Check after dark to be sure it is working. Replace bulbs or wiring as needed.