



The Neighborhood Services Department offers different workshops throughout the year giving tips and advice for basic home repair and maintenance.

All workshops are held on Saturday mornings at the City Building in the lower level conference room, 102 N. Neil St., Champaign, IL. Workshops will be at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- March 1, 2008
- April 5, 2008*
- June 7, 2008
- August 2, 2008
- October 4, 2008
- December 6, 2008

* this workshop will be in conjunction with the 8th Annual Housing Fair which is being held at the Champaign Public Library. Please call for times.

Additional workshops may be scheduled as needed throughout the year.

To Attend

Please contact Colleen Madera to reserve your seat at:

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Home Maintenance:

Helpful Money-Saving Tips



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QUICK FACTS:

Did you know:

- You can extend the life of your roof by approximately 10 years if you properly ventilate it?
- Extending downspouts by as little as 2 feet can prevent water seepage in a basement?
- Manufacturers recommend changing furnace filters once a month during heating and cooling seasons to aid in efficiency?
- Regular maintenance on furnaces and water heaters can increase their life?
- Proper ventilation in a crawl space is necessary to prevent mold and moisture in a house?
- Sewer lines should be cleaned once every other year to prevent excess root blockage?
- You should drain 1-2 gallons of water from your water heater on a monthly basis?



HOME MAINTENANCE WORKSHOPS

The City of Champaign Neighborhood Services Department's Home Maintenance Workshops teach basic home repair and maintenance tasks that can be done without paying for a contractor. The workshop will cover the following topics:



Instructions and techniques for changing furnace filters, repairing toilets, fixing plastic drain lines, and caulking windows and doors. General tools and materials that should be in the home for maintenance and their proper uses will also be discussed.

Cost and energy saving ideas that increase the life and efficiency of appliances. These will include how to insulate your water heater and pipes, covering and sealing windows and doors, and energy saving habits. Different schedules and timelines for continual maintenance tasks are also shared.

Home safety measures including checking smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, keeping first aid kits, and testing appliances.



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

When was the last time you:

- Inspected and replaced (if needed) weather stripping?
- Raked debris away from the side of your home?
- Cleaned out the gutters?
- Trimmed any trees or shrubs which touch your house?
- Cleaned out basement window wells?

Do you know where to find in your home:

- The main heating fuel shutoff ?
- The main electrical shutoff?
- The main water shutoff?
- Fire extinguishers?
- The main drain line cleanout?

How often do you:

- Clean and test your smoke detectors?
- Vacuum heating registers, vents, and radiators?
- Vacuum refrigerator coils?
- Inspect toilets for stability and any leaks?
- Check and replace (if needed) the heating system air filter?