

## Tennessee Landlord's Preventative Maintenance Checklist

Biannual Must-Dos to Stay Safe, Compliant & Tenant-Ready



### **Fire Safety**

Test and replace smoke detector batteries

Verify smoke detectors and alarms are installed and functional

Inspect fire extinguishers (if provided)

Clean dryer vents and exhaust fans to prevent fire hazards



### **Plumbing & Water Systems**

- Check for leaks under sinks, behind toilets, around tubs/showers
- Inspect water heaters (flush, test temperature/pressure, check for corrosion)
- Ensure proper drainage, clear clogs, and inspect **sump pumps** (if applicable)



# **HVAC & Appliances**

- Service **HVAC systems** (clean and inspect units)
- Test appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers) for safety & efficiency
- \*\* Check exhaust fans in bathrooms & kitchens for proper airflow



#### **Pest Control**

- Apply preventative pest treatments inside and outside
- Inspect for signs of rodents, termites, or infestations



### **General Safety & Habitability**

- Inspect for **lease violations** (unauthorized pets, smoking, damage, wipes in bathroom, not changing air filter, etc.)
- X Check windows & doors for locks and proper function
- X Look for trip hazards in flooring, stairs, or common areas
- X Inspect gutters & roofs (add-on) to prevent leaks and water damage
- **X** Verify **structural integrity** (walls, ceilings, foundation)



#### **Tenant Communication**

- Confirm **emergency contact info** is up to date
- Ask tenants about **maintenance concerns** not visible during inspection.
- Provide tenants with quick fire safety & emergency tips