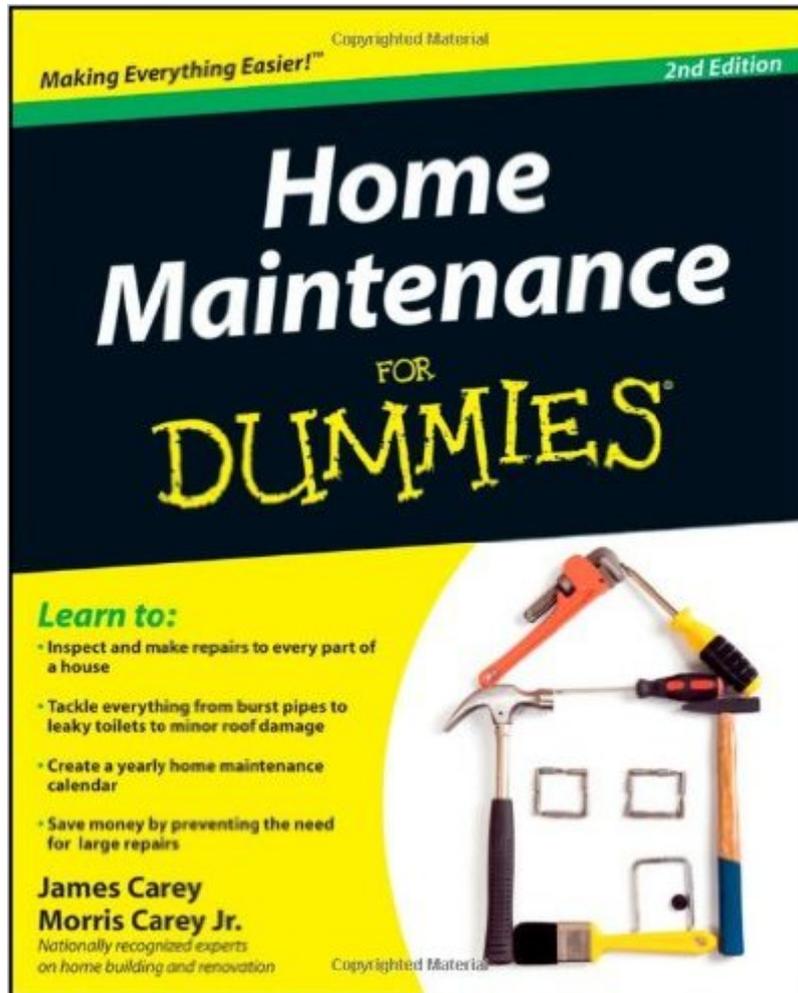


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# Home Maintenance For Dummies



## Synopsis

A hands-on, step-by-step guide to properly maintaining your home Your home requires regular maintenance to operate safely and efficiently. The expert advice in this second edition of Home Maintenance For Dummies can help you save literally thousands of dollars each year by showing you how to perform home maintenance yourself! This new edition provides the latest tips on how to tune up your home and make repairs to every room of the house, from basement to attic. By combining step-by-step instructions and expert information, this practical guide gives you the skills to tackle everything from furnace tune-ups to leaky roofs. You'll also learn how to conduct routine inspections, keep major appliances running efficiently, and increase energy efficiency. Shows how to keep your home in tip-top shape, preserve its value, and avoid costly repairs Covers all rooms of the house, in addition to the roof, foundation, and exterior Explains how to keep all home systems and major appliances running smoothly Includes a seasonal maintenance schedule Provides the latest green maintenance options to help lower your utility bills James Carey and Morris Carey have a radio show, a newspaper column, and a Web site, all called On the House, and appear regularly on CBS News Saturday Morning. They are also the authors of Home Remodeling For Dummies If you've always wanted to tackle home repairs like a pro, Home Maintenance For Dummies, 2nd Edition is your ideal resource!

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This book is a great overview to help the new homeowner be a little more savvy about maintaining

your house. It starts out explaining why home maintenance is important, getting to know the house, and putting together a plan. Sections include- The Energy Envelope (foundation, floors, roofing, siding, windows, doors, insulation)- Key Systems: Plumbing and HVAC- Inside Home Sweet Home (walls, ceilings, floors, cabinets, appliances, fireplaces, home-safety)- Out in the Great Wide Open (walkways, patios/decks, driveways, fences)- The Part of Tens (cleaning solutions, maintenance skills you need) There's even a handy to-do list that breaks down home maintenance into "musts," "shoulds," and "coulds." Plus a schedule of annual, seasonal, or monthly maintenance. The book helps me feel more comfortable knowing the basics of home maintenance. Cleaning, caulking, painting, leaks, cracks. It makes you feel more confident to take care of the little things around the house and avoid costly repairs later on.

We have been living in our current home for over 20 years but I purchased this book for my husband anyway as he is a big fan of the Carey Brothers. He absolutely loves it from the do it yourself cleaning solutions to the home maintenance checklist. So whether you are a first time homeowner or have owned your home for 20 years like us this book is a must have.

I am a new homeowner, and this book has been a huge help for me. I don't intend to do many repairs myself, but I wanted a resource that would help me be more knowledgeable when talking to contractors, and it has been great for that. It also has a great maintenance checklist so you know what needs done & when.

As the former Editor-in-Chief of the top three magazines for the professional remodeling industry, I can say (with some degree of authority) that "Home Maintenance for Dummies" is the number one reference book that every home owner and apartment dweller needs to keep handy. The insights and pro tips offered by the Carey Brothers are spot-on info-wise and are based on decades of experience and "real" hands-on home repair work. Filled with easy to understand solutions and hundreds of suggestions to keep one's household running trouble-free, the "book with the yellow cover" will help you avoid having to use the dreaded "yellow pages" once it's too late.

great book especially for new home owners - it has given me the confidence to know what and when to do home maintenance and if i can't do it myself - hire someone. I feel i have a basic knowledge of what to look for in home maintenance and how to get the job done.

Scoring this at 2 because it is just too intense for most homeowners and DIY enthusiasts. A perfect example is a section on replacing a water valve. The reader, it is assumed, knows little to nothing about plumbing and what to do when a shut off valve leaks or no longer works properly. However, when it comes to installing the valve, the reader is told to "solder the valve in place". So, you don't know plumbing, but you do know how to solder properly? Great intentions from the authors, but the book gets far too deep for most, and those who understand the complications don't need the book.

It is useless if you want to take care of your home. In so many cases just say get a professional to do it...It does not explain how to do things. Just go over different types of heaters, ACs, etc but does not explain anything about maintenance.

Four-star book for the rookie maintenance job. Would be the kind of book that you'd have around the house for decades, and pull out once a year to get smart on one simple area of home maintenance. Easy to read, and even a 12-year old kid would be able to pour over the notes and do a job.

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