

Seasonal Home Maintenance: MONSOON CHECKLIST:

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With the much-needed relief that the rains provide, the monsoon season can be a nightmare if you are not fully prepared for the downpours ahead.

Air your valuable items to protect them from moisture:

- All your heavy Indian wear like salwars, kurtas, lehengas and saris
- All your footwear after wiping them clean with a dry cloth
- Leather jackets and all leather items
- Heavy drapes and bed linen
- Expensive and woollen shawls/stoles. You can also store them in mul pouches to prevent moisture accumulation.

Gather monsoon essentials:

- Quick drying doormat and umbrella bucket at every entrance/exit.
- Keep extra towels, napkins and foot mats handy as fabrics take longer to dry. An extra set of bed linen handy.
- Gather necessary & prescription medicines.
- Also keep a first aid kit handy incase of any minor accidents.
- Install mosquito repellents/nets to prevent insects entering your home.
- Buy proper monsoon footwear to wear while stepping out.

A complete check in your home:

- Check the windows and doors gaps for water seepage and seal them.
- Wooden doors/windows and furniture tend to swell up in the monsoon. Have them polished/varnished/coated with a sealant well in time.
- Check your roof for leakages and cracks if living in an independent house/villa.
- Check the walls for cracks, mold and if required a waterproofing layer can be applied.
- Protect and cover all open electrical and wiring fixtures to avoid any unpleasant shocks and surprises.
- Deep clean and service your dehumidifiers.
- Pack away and store your expensive carpets and rugs as they can smell musty and also are prone to mold and fungus.
- Take care of your plants and ensure that they are sheltered properly.
- A quick check-in and service of your vehicles for a smooth drive on wet streets. Check for windshield wipers, tires, headlights and brakes functioning smoothly.

Keep handy incase of emergencies/power outages:

- Portable torches
- Spare batteries
- Extra Umbrellas
- Large Raincoats
- Plastic bags
- Candles & Matches
- Emergency and local authority numbers
- Power banks to charge devices

Mood lifters/feel good purchases:

- Essential Oils/scented candles to add a boost of freshness and lift your mood
- Wardrobe Fresheners to absorb excess humidity and control dampness
- Easy to cook snacks and your favourite teas/coffees and herbal drinks.
- Favourite books to catch up on your reading list
- High energy and immunity boosting foods