

Magnolias at Barnes Mill

Home Maintenance

☐ **Water Damage Prevention**

- Check Washing Machine Supply Hoses
 - Rubber hoses may last 3-5 years; replace with braided steel
- Check ice maker supply line
- Replace toilet flapper if running
 - Typical flapper may last 3-5 years
- Check water heater for leaks
 - Typical water heater may last 10 years
- Check Pressure Reducing Valve
- Clean sewer line (annually), especially if mature trees are present in your yard
- Seal cracks in grout around shower/bath
- Avoid frozen pipes
 - Turn off water to hose bibbs at shutoffs during winter
 - Open cabinets with water pipes on exterior walls during hard freezes
 - Insulate pipes in garage
- Check roof periodically for leaks, loose shingles, clogged gutters
- Ensure that gutters drain at least 3' away from house
- Turn off water to toilets & washing machine when traveling for extended periods of time

☐ **Fire Damage Prevention**

- Do not leave candles, cooking, space heaters unattended
- Do not place candles/heaters near drapes or other flammables
- Clean chimneys regularly (Austell Gas may do no charge annually)
- Do not run extension cords under throw rugs

- Do not overload outlets
- Do not “spider” outlet strips & extension cords
- Inspect/maintain the HVAC system regularly
 - Change filter every 3 months
 - Inspect the condenser to ensure condensate drains properly
- Inspect dryer duct for clogs, leaks
 - Clean lint filter after each use
- Ensure that fire/smoke/carbon monoxide alarms are tested regularly and are working
- Check fire extinguisher monthly to ensure it is properly charged
- The Cobb County Fire Dept will replace your detector batteries:
 - Appointments must be requested online as follows:
 - On the top line: Search on the top line of the page search bar for cobbfire.org which brings you to the Fire & Emergency Services Home Page.
 - Click on the Safety Village square on that page.
 - Click on Safety Education Program Request Form.
 - Fill out Type of Request form as follows:
 - Click to fill in the Residential circle
 - On Residential, click on drop down box to Smoke alarm install/battery check.
 - Then fill out Name, Phone, Email, and Submit.
 - They will call or email you to make an appointment.
 - Since they are just replacing the batteries, not furnishing them, be sure to have your new 9-volt batteries on hand, also carbon monoxide batteries might have 9-volt or AA batteries.