

## Hand In Assignment – Home Maintenance and Repairs

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1) Why is it important to maintain your home?

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2) Typically, what is the average life span for each of the following?

Clothes dryer -

Roof -

Freezer -

3) What was Benjamin Franklin's wise advice?

4) Where can you learn how to do home repairs?

5) When hiring a contractor, who should you get recommendations from?

6) What is the benefit of regular, routine maintenance on your home?

7) Why do you think the article suggests that you "Never pay in full or sign a completion certificate before the work is finished"?

- 8) Why should you do regular, preventative maintenance on your home?
- 9) Once you decide on a contractor you should get a written agreement. What should you include in this written agreement?
- 10) How much should you budget towards annual repairs and maintenance?
- 11) Use the **Maintenance Check List** to complete the following:  
Which season does the check list recommend you complete the following?
- a) Check for damaged or loose shingles, blistered roofing, etc.
  - b) Check grading to assure that water will drain away from the foundation.
  - c) Check driveways and sidewalks for cracks, yard for settlement and soil erosion.
  - d) Check siding and trim for damage or decay.
  - e) Clean dirt and dust around furnaces.
  - f) Check vents, louvers, and chimney caps and housing for bird nests etc.
  - g) Check grouting on tubs, shower, and sinks.
  - h) Check weatherstripping for damage and leaks.
  - i) Clean area wells, window wells, and storm drains.
  - j) Clean gutters and downspouts.