

Las Vegas Valley Desert Home Safety & Fire-Prevention Checklist

Printable checklist for homeowners, HOAs, property managers, and real estate pros (Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City, Summerlin, Enterprise, Paradise, Spring Valley, Sunrise Manor, Whitney, Winchester, Green Valley, Centennial Hills, Mountains Edge)

How to use

Print this checklist and keep it near your home binder, or share it with tenants and owners. Check off items as you complete them. If you manage properties, treat this as a seasonal inspection standard.

Quick notes

- Written for Mojave Desert conditions: extreme heat, intense sun/UV, wind and dust, and short intense rain during monsoon season.
- For any gas appliances (furnace, water heater, range), include carbon monoxide (CO) protection and follow manufacturer safety guidance.
- Standardizing these items across units reduces emergencies during peak summer and monsoon months.

Checklist (25 items)

Category	Task	Frequency	DIY or Pro	Referral / Service
Smoke & CO Alarms	Test all smoke alarms and CO alarms (use test button).	Monthly	DIY	Electrician / Handyman
Smoke & CO Alarms	Replace batteries if not using 10-year sealed units; verify interconnection works (one alarm triggers all).	Every 6 months	DIY / Pro	Electrician
Smoke & CO Alarms	Replace alarms at end-of-life (check manufacture date; replace sooner if nuisance alarms persist).	Every 10 years (typical)	DIY / Pro	Electrician / Handyman
Fire Response	Place fire extinguisher(s): kitchen, garage, and outdoor cooking area; check pressure gauge.	Quarterly	DIY	Safety supplier / Handyman
Fire Response	Add a kitchen fire blanket; store where reachable (not above the stove).	One-time	DIY	Safety supplier
Dryer / Laundry	Clean dryer lint trap after every load; confirm exterior vent flap opens fully.	Every load / Monthly check	DIY	Dryer vent cleaning
Dryer / Laundry	Inspect and clean dryer vent line (lint buildup is a major fire risk).	Annually (or 6 months if heavy use)	Pro	Dryer vent cleaning / HVAC
HVAC Safety	Replace HVAC filter (more often during dust/wind, wildfire smoke, or remodeling).	Every 1-3 months	DIY	HVAC

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HVAC Safety	Pre-summer HVAC service: coil cleanliness, capacitor/contact wear, electrical connections, condensate drain check.	Spring (Mar-May)	Pro	HVAC
HVAC Safety	Keep condenser area clear: no storage, weeds, or combustibles near unit; maintain airflow clearance.	Monthly in summer	DIY	HVAC
Electrical	Test GFCI outlets (kitchen, bath, garage, exterior) and reset.	Quarterly	DIY	Electrician
Electrical	Add/verify whole-home surge protection (protects HVAC boards, appliances, electronics).	One-time + annual check	Pro	Electrician
Electrical	Check outdoor outlets/covers and exposed wiring for UV damage or cracked seals.	Semiannually	DIY / Pro	Electrician
Garage Heat	Avoid charging/storing lithium batteries (e-bike/tools) in extreme heat; use a non-combustible charging area.	Ongoing	DIY	Electrician (if adding circuit)
Garage Heat	If using a garage fridge/freezer, confirm it is rated for high ambient temps; monitor performance.	Seasonally	DIY	Appliance repair
Kitchen	Clean range hood filters and confirm venting works (reduces heat + smoke indoors).	Quarterly	DIY	Appliance / HVAC
Outdoor Cooking	Clean grill grease trays; keep grill away from walls, patio covers, and wind-exposed corners.	Monthly in season	DIY	Handyman / Patio cover
Outdoor Cooking	Inspect propane hoses/regulators; replace cracked lines; store cylinders upright and safely.	Seasonally	DIY / Pro	Gas appliance tech
Water Heater	Flush tank water heater / descale tankless (hard water scale reduces efficiency and can shorten life).	Annually	Pro	Plumber
Water Quality	Clean faucet aerators/showerheads when flow drops; scale is common in the Valley.	As needed	DIY	Plumber
Water Quality	Service water softener / whole-home filter: refill salt, replace cartridges/media per schedule.	Monthly / per schedule	DIY	Water treatment
Leaks	Install water leak sensors at water heater, under sinks, behind toilets; test alerts.	One-time + quarterly test	DIY	Plumber / Water treatment
Wildfire Smoke	Keep spare filters; run portable HEPA in bedrooms during smoke; seal obvious air leaks.	As needed (smoke events)	DIY	HVAC / IAQ
Monsoon Readiness	Clear roof drains/scuppers and patio/yard drains; confirm water flows away from foundation.	Before monsoon (Jun) + after storms	DIY / Pro	Roofer / Drainage
Wind Readiness	Secure patio furniture/umbrellas; inspect fence gates and patio cover fasteners for looseness.	Before storm days	DIY	Handyman / Fence

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