

Good maintenance on a regular basis is cheaper than expensive repair costs down the track. We've written down a few home maintenance tips to help you out:

Locate Your Main Water Shut Off Valve - there's nothing worse than having a pipe burst and you don't know how to stop the water flow.

**Find Your Circuit Breaker Box** so you can check it if a fuse blows or get to it in an emergency.

Check Your Insulation to ensure it is up to code. Efficient insulation ensures maximum heat retention, keeps your home cooler in Summer, and makes heating and cooling costs lower.

Proceed Cautiously When Drilling Into Walls - plumbing pipes, ductwork, wires, and cables are hidden in most homes. Before you power up your drill, find your studs, cables, ducts, and the other vital veins and arteries running within your walls.

**Invest in a good insurance policy.** While we like to be optimistic, things can go wrong, and having a comprehensive cover can save you a lot of stress down the track.

Hire A Professional To Trim Your Trees to remove dead branches or limbs that could fall on your roof or overhead power lines unpredictably. This is also a great opportunity to check the integrity of your gutters, soffits, eaves, and roof vents to prevent blockages.

**Keep an Eye on Plumbing and Drains.** This ensures you can find any leaks in plumbing, reducing deeper hidden damage to your property.

**Get Rid of the Dust.** Dusting is important as it reduces your risk of sickness and allergies.

## Set up reminders for regular maintenance.

This includes maintenance on your air conditioning unit, your roof, your gutters, and more to ensure your house is always working efficiently.

Find yourself a reliable tradesman. In case you need some quick repairs, or you're wanting to take on a renovation project, having a reliable tradesman ensures your project is done efficiently.

QSPlus offers a post-purchase report to assess your home maintenance needs before it gets to those expensive repairs. This report gives you a list of your urgent repairs, a comparative cost, and a timeline of other maintenance work that may need doing in the near future. If you need help or advice you can depend on – give Paul a call at QSPlus. His new phone number is 027 900 4193.