Homeowner Electrical Maintenance Checklist

Use this checklist to help keep your home's electrical system safe, efficient, and up to code.

☐ Know the location of your electrical panel and label all breakers clearly.

☐ Test all GFCI outlets monthly using the 'Test' and 'Reset' buttons.

☐ Investigate flickering or dimming lights promptly to avoid larger issues.

☐ Avoid overloading circuits with too many devices or power strips.

☐ Check for warm or discolored outlets and switches—these may signal a wiring issue.

☐ Always use the correct wattage bulbs in fixtures to prevent overheating.

☐ Inspect extension cords regularly and avoid using them as permanent wiring.

☐ Install or maintain a whole-home surge protector for added safety.

☐ Schedule a professional electrical inspection every 3–5 years.

☐ Call a licensed electrician for any burning smells, buzzing sounds, or frequent breaker trips.