# Tip Sheet



## **Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS)**



# **Homeowner Seasonal Cleaning Schedule**

Empowering Community and Removal of Barriers (ECRoB)

In terms of optimizing indoor air quality on a seasonal schedule, here are some general seasonal tips for cleaning for homeowners:

#### Winter

- Radon testing.
- Check and clean or replace on a regular schedule the filters on the furnace, air purifiers and air exchangers, and on your water systems (whole house or individual).

## **Spring**

- Open windows.
- Spring cleaning/getting rid of clutter and dust.
- Check the caulking in the bathroom (the shower, bath), and around all windows.
- Clear eavestroughs and downspouts.

#### Summer

- Use a dehumidifier if your home becomes too humid.
- Clean or replace air conditioning filters.
- Deep clean carpets and rugs.

## Fall

- Get your furnace checked.
- Check chimneys for blockages and get them cleaned if you have a wood stove.
- Ensure doors and windows are properly sealed.

### **Resources:**

ecolivingguide.ca

Indoor Air Quality - Lung Health Foundation

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