

South African Home Expense Budget Checklist

A simple checklist to help you plan and budget for the upkeep of your home

How to use this checklist

Owning a home in South Africa means planning for seasonal wear, unexpected repairs and ongoing upkeep. This checklist helps you budget for the essentials so you are not caught off guard by burst geysers, storm damage or security failures.

Go through it every three to six months and note which items need servicing, repairs or saving for. The aim is not to do everything at once but to keep your home running smoothly and avoid large surprise bills later.



Regular Maintenance

- Clean gutters and downpipes
- Service aircon or HVAC
- Pest control
- Geyser check
- Garden and boundary upkeep

Potential Repairs

- Roof repairs
- Plumbing fixes
- Electrical check
- Windows and doors
- General wear and tear

Safety and Security

- Alarm and beams test
- CCTV check
- Gate motor and fencing
- Fire extinguisher
- Backup batteries in case of power outages

South African Specifics

- Solar or inverter service
- Water tank or pump check
- Pool care
- Borehole or wellpoint

Extras to Keep in Mind

- Driveway or paving repairs
- Appliance servicing
- Interior upkeep
- Irrigation system check
- Exterior paint and waterproofing
- Generator service
- Leak detection
- Electric fence compliance test
- Gas installation compliance