

Spring Home Checklist



Windows:

- Wash windows to give a clear view of the outdoors.
- Check windows and trim for moisture damage. Seal caulk and repaint prior to heavy spring and summer rain.

Screens:

- Remove screens and wash with mild soap and water.

Gutters:

- Clean out rain gutters to ensure winter storm debris has not caused them to become clogged.

Downspouts:

- Check to make sure downspouts extender are intact and directed away from the house.

Siding:

- Pressure wash the siding to remove grime and dirt. Be sure to start at the highest point and work your way down to the bottom.

Wood Deck:

- Examine your deck boards and support posts for wood rot or water damage. Pressure wash boards and re-stain or seal as needed.

Concrete Patio:

- Inspect concrete slabs for signs of cracks or movement. All exterior slabs except pool decks should drain away from the home's foundation.

Exterior Light:

- Check that bulbs are in working order and are snugly screwed in. Remove any rodent or bird nests.

Chimney:

- Visually inspect chimney for signs of damage, tuckpoint or re-flash as needed. Have a professional chimney contractor inspect the flue. Clean or repair as needed.

Attic:

- Check your attic for obstructions over vents, roof leaks and wet spots on insulations.

Foundation:

- Check for any new cracks or damage from the winter months and moisture.

Ranking:

- Rake lawn to remove dead grass and perk up flattened, matted grass.

Acration:

- Over time your lawn may become compacted, making it difficult for water and air to reach the grass' roots. Consider an aeration service to help loosen your lawn.

Fertilizing:

- A spring fertilization treatment can boost grass growth through the spring and summer months.

Weeding:

- Pulling weeds is much easier when they are small and the soil is moist during the spring months. Consider applying a weed control fabric to prevent any future weed growth.

Mulch:

- Be sure mulch is graded 1/8" per foot away from the house

Trees:

- Check your property for sick or weakened trees. Remove vines at the root of any trees to keep them from damaging healthy trees.

Grill:

- Check connections and operations, clean the inside and out

Siding & Soffits:

- Check all wood boards for holes or rotting in need of sealing, painting, replacement.

Sump Pump:

- Inspect the sump pump to ensure it is operating correctly, check for leaks and remove any debris.

Refrigerator:

- Replace refrigerator water filter to prevent exposure to heavy metals, chemicals, and microbes.
- Vacuum the refrigerator coils at the bottom or back of your fridge to remove dust to ensure efficiency.

Smoke Alarms:

- Check that smoke alarms are in working order and charge batteries as needed.

Dryer Vent:

- Inspect dryer vents and hoses for blockage and clean ductwork to prevent dryer fires and promote dryer efficiency.

Washing Machine:

- Check the washing machine fill hose for crack to prevent leaks.

Air Conditioning:

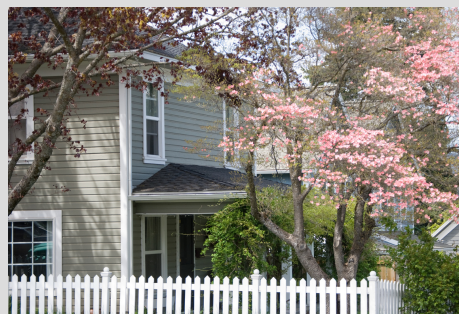
- Have a qualified HVAC contractor clean and service the outside unit of the air conditioning system. Clean coils operate more efficiently, and an annual service call will keep the system working at peak performance levels. Continue to clean grass out of compressor all spring, summer and fall.

Lawn Mower:

- Change the engine oil and sharpen the cutting blade to lengthen the equipment's life and ensure efficiency.

Roof:

- Check roof shingles and flashing for damage.



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I have compiled a comprehensive checklist task to ensure that you are taking the necessary steps to prepare your home for the quickly approaching Spring and Summer months. Depending on your individual home, some of these items may not apply or there may be additional steps that you must take. If you need the assistance of a contractor/handyman or landscaper, to tackle your "to do" list, I would be happy to make recommendations.

I'm always here to help you, your family, and friends with any real estate needs.



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