

# Spring Maintenance



## Tips



Home maintenance is the best thing you can do to protect your investment! Spring is especially important because the winter was hard on you, and your home! Follow this simple check list to get your home ready for summer before it gets too hot!

### Exterior

- Check the homes Exterior Claddings.**  
Siding, Brick, Trim, Soffit & Fascia Garage Doors Etc.  
Look for damage, especially on bricks. Make sure vegetation is cut away from the siding and roof. Clean out the window wells. Could the house need cleaning? Time to power wash!
- Check the Roof (Be Careful!)**  
Remove any Debris, look for any signs of damage.
- Check and Clean Gutters.**  
Look for leaks, make sure downspouts discharge at least 5 feet away from the home. This is also a good time to make sure the grade around your house is properly sloped, (1 inch per foot for 10 feet) and the earth is at least 8 inches from the wall siding.
- Check the Windows and Doors.**  
Repair any broken screens. Look for damaged or missing caulk and re-caulk where necessary.
- Check your Drive, Walkways, and Patios.**  
Look for heaving, settling, or cracking that may become a trip hazard. Do they need power washing?
- Check your Deck.**  
Make sure the board that attaches the deck to the home is bolted or secured by means other than just nails. Look for rot, make sure stairs and rails are secure. Also may need cleaning and staining or sealing.
- Check your Dryer Vent.**  
Cleaning your dryer vent will increase the dryer's efficiency and eliminate a fire hazard.

### Interior

- Check your Attic**  
Look for mold, moisture any fire hazards and critters
- Check your Smoke and CO Detectors**  
Change the batteries, if they are over 10 years old, replace them. They should be located inside and outside sleeping areas and on every floor. Also check your fire extinguishers.
- Check Kitchen and Bath Exhaust Fans**  
Make sure they are working and clean them!
- Check the Refrigerator**  
Vacuum the coils and replace any filters.
- Check Kitchen and Bath Tile and Caulk**  
Replace any damaged or missing caulk, and make sure tiles do not need re-grouting.
- Check the Furnace Filters**  
Furnace filters (1 inch) should be replaced every few months. Some are changed annually.
- Check the Foundation for Moisture**  
Check inside and outside of the basement for moisture intrusion or cracking.
- Check the Sump Pump and Softener**  
Inspect to make sure your sump pump is working properly and check the salt level in the Softener
- Check your Central Air.**  
Clean fins, make sure it is level, cut back vegetation. It never hurts to have it serviced by a Professional.