



Spring Checklist

Welcome Spring in Your Forever Home

Spring is a season full of opportunities to refresh and enjoy your home. It is a time often centered around double-checking for winter damage and preparing for a stress-free summer. With this checklist, you'll not only tackle maintenance tasks but also set the stage for a vibrant and relaxing season of bloom.

OUTDOOR TASKS

- **Inspect the Exterior:** Walk around your home to check for any winter damage, such as cracks in the foundation, chipped paint, or loose siding. Address any issues early to prevent further damage.
- **Examine the Roof:** Look for missing, loose, or damaged shingles and make repairs as needed. This will prepare your home for spring rains.
- **Clean Gutters and Downspouts:** Remove debris from your gutters to ensure rainwater flows freely and doesn't pool near your foundation.
- **Check Decks and Patios:** Inspect for loose boards or cracks and reseal wood surfaces to protect against the elements.
- **Inspect Outdoor Faucets:** Turn on outdoor faucets and check for leaks or damage caused by freezing temperatures. Replace washers or make repairs as needed.
- **Trim Trees and Shrubs:** Prune any branches that may have been damaged by snow and ice, and shape shrubs for optimal growth.
- **Prep Your Lawn and Garden:** Rake leftover leaves, remove debris, and aerate the soil to encourage healthy grass and plant growth.
- **Plan Your Garden:** Choose flowers, shrubs, or vegetables to plant after the last frost to enhance your home's curb appeal.

INDOOR TASKS

- **Service Your HVAC System:** Schedule a professional inspection of your air conditioning unit to ensure it's ready for summer. Replace filters to improve airflow and efficiency.
- **Inspect Plumbing:** Check under sinks and around appliances for leaks or drips, and fix them to avoid water waste and damage.
- **Prepare Your Sump Pump:** Test your sump pump to ensure it's functioning properly and ready for spring rains. Consider a backup battery for added peace of mind.
- **Clean Windows and Screens:** Wash windows inside and out to let in the spring sunshine. Inspect and repair window screens to keep bugs out while enjoying fresh air.
- **Check Seals on Doors and Windows:** Ensure weatherstripping is intact to maintain energy efficiency and keep out spring drafts.
- **Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Replace batteries and test all devices to ensure they're working properly.
- **Clean Dryer Vents:** Remove lint buildup to improve efficiency and reduce fire risks.
- **Deep Clean the House:** Spring is the ideal time for a thorough cleaning. Dust hard-to-reach areas, wash curtains, and shampoo carpets to refresh your living space.
- **Organize Storage Spaces:** Declutter your garage, closets, and storage areas, and donate or recycle items you no longer need.

SPRING HOME HELPERS

- Bring in fresh flowers or plants.
- Open windows to air things out and bring the fresh breeze in.
- Switch over heavy blankets or winter clothes for lighter ones in your closet.

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