



# Summer Checklist

## Welcome Summer in Your Forever Home

Ontario summers are perfect for making the most of your outdoor living spaces. With these simple steps, your Forever Home will be ready to embrace everything summer has to offer. From backyard barbecues to relaxing evenings under the stars, this season is about making memories and enjoying your home.

### OUTDOOR TASKS

- **Inspect the Exterior:** Look for any signs of wear from spring rains, such as cracks in the foundation, peeling paint, or clogged gutters. Address these issues early to prevent bigger challenges.
- **Check Outdoor Lighting:** Test all exterior lights to ensure your yard and pathways are well-lit for summer evenings.
- **Inspect Decks and Patios:** Clean and reseal your deck to protect it from sun damage. Sweep patios and check for loose or damaged stones or tiles.
- **Clean Outdoor Furniture:** Wipe down tables and chairs, and inspect cushions for wear or damage. Consider applying a protective spray to keep them looking fresh all season, or adding umbrellas, pergolas, or awnings to create shaded spaces.
- **Declutter Your Spaces:** Organize your garage, sheds, and storage areas to make room for summer gear like bikes, pool toys, and gardening tools.
- **Maintain Your Lawn:** Mow regularly, water deeply in the morning or evening, and apply fertilizer to keep your grass lush and healthy. Consider using timers on sprinklers to water efficiently.
- **Care for Your Garden:** Weed flower beds, add mulch to retain moisture, and check for pests that might harm your plants.

## INDOOR TASKS

- **Service Your Air Conditioning System:** Schedule a professional inspection to ensure your AC is in top shape for the hottest days. Clean or replace air filters to maintain efficiency.
- **Check Ceiling Fans:** Set fans to rotate counterclockwise to push cool air down and create a refreshing breeze.
- **Inspect and Seal Windows:** Ensure all windows are properly sealed to keep cool air in and hot air out, reducing energy costs.
- **Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Replace batteries and confirm they're working to keep your home safe during the season.
- **Prepare for Bugs:** Check door and window screens for holes and repair them to keep mosquitoes and other pests out of your home.
- **Inspect Plumbing for Leaks:** Look for any drips around sinks, toilets, and outdoor faucets to prevent water waste.
- **Deep Clean Your Home:** Summer is the perfect time to clean areas like baseboards, ceiling fans, and vents that may have been overlooked during busier months.

## SUMMER HOME HELPERS

- This is a great time to clean the grates on your grill, check propane levels and make sure your outdoor cooking tools are ready to use.
- Deep clean your refrigerator, make room for all the fresh produce available in the summer months.
- Vacuum and flip your mattress to ensure even wear and to extend the lifespan.

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