







SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Just as spring is nature's season of renewal, so too is it your opportunity to renew your familiarity with your home's exterior and maintenance systems. Our winters can be quite unforgiving on a home's natural materials; give everything a once-over and repair when necessary, so you can prevent a minor problem from growing to a major headache later.






EXTERIOR

-  Clean a clear pathway for your downspouts and eavestroughs to drain away from the home and remove debris.
-  Check all exterior caulking and repair as necessary.
-  Clean all balcony/terrace and window ledge surfaces from winter debris.
-  Fertilize your lawn and rake up any winter debris.
-  Lubricate hinges and locks.
-  Have a qualified roof contractor examine roof shingles and flashing if any have been lost or damaged during winter season.









INTERIOR

-  Check all silicone sealants around bathtubs, showers and sinks. Reseal if cracked or peeling.
-  Check all cabinet doors and drawer hinges for proper alignment. Tighten and adjust as necessary.
-  Inspect all loose or missing grout/caulking on tiled surfaces. Re-grout or caulk as necessary.




APPLIANCES

-  Clean dishwasher strainer, spray arms, and pump.
-  Check dishwasher drains and water connection for leaks.
-  Clean and/or replace your range hood filter.
-  Vacuum any dust from the compressor at the rear of your fridge and freezer.
-  Inspect your washer hose and dryer hook-up for any leaks.
-  Empty your central vacuum canister and clean filter (if applicable).








ELECTRICAL

-  Check all lighting fixtures (exterior and interior) for any burnt out bulbs and replace as necessary.









HEATING & VENTILATION

-  Clean and inspect bathroom and laundry (if applicable) exhaust fans from dust build up.
-  Inspect humidifier drain line and filter for mineral deposit buildup, as per the manufacturer's instructions (refer to your owner's manual).
-  Replace furnace filter (be sure to mark the date on the filter as a reminder for when to change it next).
-  Remove air conditioning cover in preparation for summer.
-  Clean laundry lint traps.



PLUMBING

-  Flush toilets and run water through sinks in any infrequently used bathrooms.
-  Ensure your sump pump is operating properly, and clean and drain any debris from the pit as necessary (if applicable).
-  Clean out any sediment from your sink faucet aerators and spray nozzles.
-  Turn on your exterior water supply for summer use. (Make sure your exterior tap is in the closed position prior to opening).
-  Check hot water heater for any leaks.
-  Drain and flush out the tank to remove any sediment while following the manufacturer's instruction manual (the drain valve is located at the bottom of the tank and requires a garden hose connection to direct the water into your nearby floor drain).