



Spring Maintenance Checklist

- **01. Check for Winter Damage.** Conduct a full visual inspection of your home and yard.
- **02. Clean Your Yard.** Pick up and remove fallen tree limbs, dead plants, and debris that collected over the winter. Rake up leaves as well.
- **03. Trim Trees and Shrubs.** Cut back any limbs hanging over your roof that threaten damage during a storm. Trim branches on the trees around your home to improve airflow and allow sunlight.
- **04. Clean Gutters and Downspouts.** Clean out leaves and remove any blockages from your home's gutters and downspouts. It's essential that they are clear to move rainwater off your roof and away from the foundation.
- **05. Clear Outdoor Drainage.** Examine your buried drains, storm drains, and downspout extensions closely. Clear out any blockages with a plumbing snake. Then flush out pipes with a garden hose.
- **06. Inspect Your Home's Foundation.** Examine the foundation for cracks, bulges, or gaps between the soil and the foundation walls.
- **07. Maintain Foundation Landscaping.** Trim shrubs away from the foundation. Look for root growth near the foundation.
- **08. Inspect Outdoor Plumbing.** Check outdoor faucets, AC units or heat pumps, pool equipment, and anything else that's been exposed to freezing temperatures, snow, and ice.



- **09. Test Irrigation System.** Manually turn on each zone, checking pipes and sprinkler heads for proper operation.
- **10. Reseed Lawn Spots.** Reseed bare spots now before the summer heat and rainstorms. Use a lawn seed blanket on slopes to keep the seed in place while it germinates.
- **11. Repair Screen Doors and Windows.** Look screens over for tears and holes. Replace those that are damaged. Repair small holes using kits that are available at hardware stores.
- **12. Inspect for Pest Damage.** Seal any cracks or holes that you find to help prevent their entry and repair any damage you find.
- **13. Power Wash Deck and Siding.** Use a pressure washer to clean dirt, mud, and grime. Make sure you use the correct pressure setting so that you'd don't inadvertently damage the wood or siding.
- **14. Reseal Outdoor Woodwork.** Stain and seal the deck or other outdoor wood. That could include fences, trellises, and other items.
- **15. Schedule HVAC Service.** Schedule regular maintenance checks for your air conditioning system in the spring and the heating system in the fall.
- **16. Plan Summer Projects.** Jot down home improvement projects along with the spring maintenance tasks you've identified. Then place them in order according to your priorities and budget.

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