



PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR SPRING

checklist



ROOF

- Inspect roof for any signs of damage.
- Clear debris, leaves, and branches from roof surface and gutters.
- Check for any signs of pest infestation or nests in attic and under eaves.
- Trim overhanging tree branches that could potentially damage the roof during spring storms or high winds.
- Schedule a professional roof inspection if needed.

BASEMENT

- Check for any sign of water seepage or moisture in the basement and address issues promptly.
- Inspect the sump pump.
- Seal any gaps or cracks in the foundation.
- Check basement windows for proper sealing and insulation and repair as needed.
- Move storage off of the basement floor and onto shelving or pallets.

GUTTERS

- Clean out gutters and downspouts.
- Check for any sagging or loose gutters and repair/replace as needed.
- Install gutter guards to prevent debris buildup.
- Ensure downspouts are directed away from the foundation and extend at least 3-4 feet away from the house.
- Schedule a professional gutter inspection if needed.

WINDOWS

- Clean windows inside and out to allow maximum sunlight.
- Inspect window screens and repair/replace as needed.
- Check for drafts around windows and doors and seal as needed.
- Inspect window frames and sills and repair/replace as needed.
- Trim back any overgrown vegetation or tree branches that obstruct windows.
- Consider upgrading to energy-efficient windows.

DOORS

- Inspect exterior doors for any sign of wear and tear.
- Clear door seals and weatherstripping for signs of damage and replace as needed.
- Test the functionality of sliding glass doors and screen doors, repairing/replacing parts as needed.
- Consider installing a storm door.
- Inspect garage door(s) for proper alignment and functionality, lubricate hinges and tracks and test automatic openers for smooth operation.

AIR CONDITIONING

- Clean or replace air filters.
- Inspect the outdoor unit for debris buildup and clear away any obstructions.
- Schedule a professional inspection and maintenance service for your AC system.
- Check and clean air vents and registers.
- Consider installing a programmable thermostat.
- Consider installing ceiling fans or using portable fans.
- Insulate air ducts and/or unconditioned spaces.

YARD & LANDSCAPING ETC.

- Clean up debris, fallen branches, and dead vegetation from the yard.
- Prune trees and shrubs.
- Inspect outdoor lighting fixtures, replacing any bulbs or damaged parts as needed.
- Check irrigation system for leaks or clogs, and adjust sprinkler heads for optimal coverage.
- Inspect fencing and gates, repairing/replacing any damaged parts as needed.
- Implement water-saving measures, such as installing rain barrels or drought-tolerant landscaping.
- Consult with a professional landscaper or arborist for tree care and maintenance.
- Pest control: Take preventative measures against pests by sealing entry points and scheduling any pest control as needed.
- Safety checks: Test smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers to ensure they're in good working condition.
- Insurance review: Review your homeowners insurance policy to ensure you have adequate coverage for potential spring-related risks such as storm damage or flooding, as well as coverage for anyone who may be working on your property.