

Spring Home Maintenance

A Seasonal Home Maintenance Checklist



Here are some great tips to get your home in good shape for the warmer months ahead! This season we focus on outdoor experiences and maintaining the integrity of the exterior of your home. The interior focus is keeping pests out, necessary spring cleaning, keeping your home cool, and maintaining your alarms.

Exterior

- Clean out the gutters. While you are up there, check to see if any other maintenance is required (rust, holes, loose attachments to house, etc).
- Clean and make any necessary repairs to your outdoor decks and screened porches. When was the last time you sealed your decks? Is it time?
- Remove dead leaves and debris from the AC Condenser.
- Wash the windows. Why not? Clean windows are nice. Use warm water and soap to get those windows sparkling. Clean the screens too!
- Check door and window screens. Avoid having insects enter your home by examining and repairing any holes or tears in your screens. Repair kits can be found at most hardware or home improvement stores.
- Check your irrigation system and replace any broken heads as necessary.

Interior

- BEAT THE RUSH and call your HVAC Company to have your unit(s) serviced. At the very least, change the filters! Do it before the pollen hits
- Replace your batteries and test carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. The day we change to Daylight Savings Time is the day to do it! If you own one, why don't you check your fire extinguisher too?
- Test your garage door. Make sure the auto-reverse feature works.
- Clean out the pantry. This will help stop bugs and other pests from coming into your house ... well maybe not coming in but certainly from communing with your food.
- Clean fireplace and close damper. In the fall there's more, but for now this works.
- Clean fan blades by wiping them down to get rid of the dust (and mites) because you are about to use them more.

