



7 Spring Home Maintenance Projects

There's no doubt about it - the long, grueling winter months can be hard on our homes and lawns. To keep your property in tip-top shape and prepare for the warmer seasons ahead, complete the task list below:

1. Inspect your roof.

Once spring is in full swing, it's a good idea to look over your roof. (View it with binoculars from the ground if you don't feel safe climbing up a ladder.) If you spot any cracked or loose shingles, have them repaired right away. The last thing you want is for the hot summer sun to take its toll and cause further damage.

2. Clear gutters and downspouts.

Without sufficient drainage, your home may take on water in the lower level. Prevent this from happening by clearing out the gutters and ensuring they're affixed securely to the house. If debris is clogging up a downspout, shoot a stream of water through it with a hose to clear the blockage.

3. Ensure windows are properly sealed.

If the caulking around your windows is in poor condition, you may experience air and water leakage (which obviously isn't ideal when facing spring rains and summer heat). Re-caulk windows if necessary, and - if you noticed condensation over the winter - consider replacing the windows entirely.

4. Clean your air conditioner.

Over time, dust and debris can collect on your air conditioning unit and negatively impact its performance. Now is a great time to vacuum up dust particles and replace the filter. Even better, have a professional look over your AC unit and clean the coils to keep it running efficiently.

5. Rake the lawn and clean the deck.

Think raking is just a fall activity? Think again! If you notice any leftover leaves and branches in your yard from the autumn season, rake them up now before they ruin the grass. You should also give your deck a thorough sweep and replace any damaged boards.

6. Prep outdoor furniture.

Wash off your outdoor furniture items (or, at the very least, rinse them with a hose) to remove dust, insects, etc. If you have metal furniture, be on the lookout for rust or eroded paint. Repair any problem areas with a layer of spray enamel. This will protect your furniture from becoming increasingly harmed by humidity, rain, etc.

7. Maintain lawn equipment.

Before you know it, you'll be outside under the warm summer sun mowing the lawn once again. But before that happens, clean your equipment and make sure your blades are sharp. If you find that you're in need of a new piece of equipment, start researching different models now and keep your eyes open for sales.

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