

Spring Home Maintenance Checklist

Spring is the perfect time to tackle those home maintenance tasks you've been putting off during the cold winter months. This comprehensive checklist will guide you through essential areas of your home that need attention to ensure everything is in tip-top shape for the warmer months ahead.

1. Plumbing System

Task: Check for leaks in faucets, shower heads, and pipes.

Tools & Supplies Needed: Wrench, plumber's tape.

Safety Precautions: Shut off the water supply before working on plumbing fixtures.

Steps:

- a. Inspect all faucets and shower heads for drips or leaks.
- b. If you find a leak, try tightening the fixture with a wrench. If that doesn't work, remove the fixture, apply plumber's tape to the threads, and then reattach it.

2. Roof

Task: Examine the roof for any signs of damage.

Tools & Supplies Needed: Ladder, binoculars.

Safety Precautions: Use a sturdy ladder and have someone spot you while you're on it. Do not walk on the roof – use binoculars to get a close look at the shingles.

Steps:

- a. Look for missing, cracked, or curling shingles and replace as necessary.
- b. Check for rust on metal areas, especially around the chimney.

3. Gutters

Task: Clean out gutters and downspouts.

Tools & Supplies Needed: Ladder, gutter scoop or small plastic shovel, garden hose.

Safety Precautions: Use a sturdy ladder and have someone spot you while you're on it. Wear gloves to protect your hands from sharp debris and bugs.

Steps:

- a. Remove leaves and other debris from the gutters using a scoop or small shovel.
- b. Use a garden hose to flush the gutters and downspouts and check for any leaks.

4. Windows and Doors

Task: Check seals around windows and doors.

Tools & Supplies Needed: Silicone-based caulk, caulk gun.

Safety Precautions: Be careful when using a ladder to reach high windows.

Steps:

- a. Inspect the sealant around each window and door for any cracks or gaps.
- b. Use a silicone-based caulk to fill in any gaps to prevent air leaks and improve energy efficiency.

5. Outdoor Spaces

Task: Clean and prepare outdoor spaces.

Tools & Supplies Needed: Pressure washer or hose, outdoor furniture cleaner, stain or paint (if needed).

Safety Precautions: Wear protective clothing when using a pressure washer.

Steps:

- a. Remove any debris from your decks, patios, or porches.
- b. Wash surfaces with a pressure washer or hose and outdoor cleaner.
- c. If necessary, apply a new coat of stain or paint to decks and fences.

6. Safety Devices

Task: Test all safety devices.

Tools & Supplies Needed: New batteries.

Safety Precautions: Follow manufacturer's instructions for testing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Steps:

- a. Test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they're working properly.
- b. Replace batteries if needed.

7. Landscaping

Task: Prune trees and shrubs.

Tools & Supplies Needed: Pruning shears, garden gloves.

Safety Precautions: Wear gloves to protect your hands, and be careful when pruning large branches.

Steps:

- a. Trim any branches that are too close to your house, power lines, or obstructing walkways.
- b. Cut back shrubs to promote healthy growth.

This checklist should help you maintain your home and prepare it for the warmer months. Remember, a well-maintained home is not only more enjoyable to live in but also can prevent potential issues from turning into costly repairs.



Contact our team to schedule an annual maintenance inspection for your home today!

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