

Spring Home Maintenance

Undo winter's damage before summer sets in.

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Spring is inspection season: find whatever winter cracked, loosened, or waterlogged, and fix it before summer heat and humidity make it worse.

Interior

- ☐ Change HVAC filters and have the AC system checked.
Do this before the first 80-degree day, not after.
- ☐ Test every GFCI outlet in the kitchen, bathrooms, and garage.
Press "test," confirm it trips, then "reset." A dead GFCI won't protect anyone when it actually needs to.
- ☐ Check washing machine supply hoses for cracks or bulges.
They're one of the most common causes of a surprise basement flood.
- ☐ Clean out the dryer vent.
- ☐ Walk the basement and crawl space after a spring rain.
Look and smell for standing water or mustiness, a small leak now is a mold problem by July.
- ☐ Inspect window screens for tears before you start opening windows for the season.

Exterior

- ☐ Clean gutters and downspouts again.
Check that water is actually draining away from the foundation, not pooling against it.
- ☐ Inspect the roof, siding, and caulking around doors and windows for winter damage.
Reseal or repair anything cracked or pulled away.
- ☐ Power-wash the deck, patio, and siding.
- ☐ Check the deck for soft, spongy, or rotted boards.
Do this before the season's first cookout, not after someone finds the soft spot.
- ☐ Fertilize the lawn and run the irrigation system zone by zone.
Look for broken heads, leaks, or coverage gaps.
- ☐ Trim shrubs and trees touching the house.
They trap moisture against siding and give pests a bridge to the roof.

Happy Homes Care members get their spring walkthrough done for them, items like these included, and logged in their Home Record.