

# Get Your Home Ready For Spring!



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## PRUNE LANDSCAPING

Maintain plants and shrubs to prevent soil erosion. Early spring is a great time to add soil nutrients, ensure the soil isn't compacted, and remove any stray weeds.

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## INSPECT THE CONCRETE

Fill cracks with a concrete crack filler or silicone caulk. Power wash the driveway and patios. Seal the concrete.

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## CHECK THE GUTTERS

Check for loose or leaky gutters. Improper drainage can lead to water in the basement or crawl space. Make sure downspouts drain away from the foundation and are clear and free of debris.

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## CHECK POWER EQUIPMENT

Check your gas and battery-powered lawn equipment to make sure it is ready for summer use. Clean equipment and sharp cutting blades will make yardwork easier.

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## SERVICE THE AC UNIT

Have a qualified heating and cooling contractor clean and service the outside unit of the air conditioning system. Clean coils operate more efficiently, and an annual service call will keep the system working at peak performance levels. Change interior filters on a regular basis.

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## WEATHERPROOF WINDOWS & DOORS

Check the caulking and weather stripping. Check for holes and tears in your screens to keep bugs out and the fresh breeze in! Clean interior window sills.

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## TAKE A LOOK AT THE SUMP PUMP

install a battery backup as insurance against water damage. Inspect the basement to look for signs of moisture that you might not have noticed.

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## INSPECT THE ROOF

Stay safe! Use binoculars or a camera or smartphone with a telephoto feature to check for damaged shingles. Missing or damaged shingles can quickly become a leak.

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## INSPECT THE BRICKWORK & STUCCO

Check for chipping, deteriorated mortar and unsightly spots.

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## CHECK THE WOOD TRIM

Use a screwdriver to probe the wood trim around windows, doors, railings and decks. Make repairs now before the spring rains do more damage to the exposed wood.