

10 SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS

As the warmth of spring approaches, it's easy to forget the damage that harsh winter weather may have done to your house. A bit of spring maintenance now can prevent costly repair bills later. Review these 10 tips for spring maintenance to avoid any unwelcome surprises.

Inspect your roof.

Repair any damage caused by snow or ice to prevent leaks during spring storms.

Clean your gutters.

Regularly check and clear debris from your gutters and downspouts. This will prevent water from overflowing and reduce the risk of water damage.

Check your smoke detector.

Change the batteries in your smoke detector and test every smoke detector to ensure it's working properly.

Stop leaks.

Check the seals around your windows and doors for cracking or hardening caulk.

Beware of trees.

Visually inspect trees for damage or rot. Remove dead or unhealthy trees, which could fall in heavy winds.

Clean the air conditioner.

Clean or replace your heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) filters. A dirty filter will force your system to work harder, which can be costly and inefficient.

Inspect wires.

Check for frayed wires, loose outlets or cracked plugs. Make sure no cords or outlets are overloaded.

Prevent water damage.

Check connecting pipes and hoses on all water appliances (e.g., dishwashers, laundry, sinks and toilets) for cracks, leaks or dampness.

Repair cracks

Create a safer walking and driving area by fixing cracks in the driveway and sidewalk.

Touch up the lawn mower.

Change the oil on your lawn mower and sharpen the blades.

