

# Spring

## Home Maintenance CHECKLIST

NOW is the perfect time to get your home in top shape for the months ahead.

Whatever the weather, caring for your home now will help to ensure a worry-free comfortable spring into summer.

### OUTDOORS

- Inspect exterior surfaces for cracks and make any needed repairs.
- If paint is peeling, cracking or chipped, repair and repaint now to limit damage to the underlying materials.
- Repair any damaged caulk around windows and doors.
- Remove window screens and clean with a soft brush and soapy water. Repair any holes or tears or replace the screen material before reinstalling.
- Have air conditioning units serviced to ensure good operation. Promote air circulation around the unit by keeping shrubs and plants trimmed and the unit level.
- Clear debris from gutters and eaves to allow rainwater to drain properly
- Seal cracks in the driveway and keep walkways clear of debris and overgrown plants.
- Clean deck and patio surfaces and seal surfaces as appropriate.

### INDOORS

- Vacuum refrigerator coils to help maintain energy efficiency.
- Empty dehumidifier pans and clean hoses according to manufacturer's instructions.
- If possible take area rugs outside and hang them over a deck or porch rail to air out.
- Adjust ceiling fans for proper balance. While you're at it give the unit a good dusting.
- Switch heavy bedding out for lightweight summer fabrics. Have the winter bedding cleaned before storing.
- Close the chimney flue where appropriate to increase energy efficiency.
- Repot houseplants to give their roots a fresh start for the summer.
- Check door and cabinet hinges and lubricate any that stick or squeak.
- Open windows on cooler days to keep fresh air flowing throughout your home.

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