

SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Spring is here! Use this checklist to help prepare your home - inside and out - for the spring season.

Outside

- Clean gutters and downspouts to remove accumulated debris from winter.
- Check your roof for damage from ice and snow.
- Remove dead trees and limbs from your yard.
- Keep healthy trees and shrubs trimmed back and away from your house, fences, and other structures.
- Repair uneven and cracked sidewalk and driveway areas.
- Safely store the oil and gas for your snow blower and other lawn equipment in a locked and ventilated area.
- Check your lawn equipment for loose wires, leaks and other damage from winter storage.
- Have a professional inspect and clean out your chimney.
- Make sure your air conditioning unit is inspected by a professional as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Check your attic for pests that may have found their way in during the cold winter months.

Inside

- Check the light bulbs in your fixtures. Be sure they are the recommended wattage per the manufacturer.
- Replace all high-intensity bulbs with energy efficient, long lasting fluorescent bulbs. Incandescent bulbs produce more heat, and use more electricity.
- Carefully inspect your smoke alarms and make sure you have one on each floor of your home. Test the smoke alarms each month and change the batteries twice per year: once during Spring Daylight Savings Time, and again during Fall Daylight Savings Time.
- Make sure your fire extinguishers are not expired and are ready for use.
- Inspect and clean your clothes dryer exhaust duct and the area under your dryer. Remove all lint, dust and leftover material.
- Inspect your water heater and water softener for leaks and deterioration.
- Inspect your sump pump and make sure it is working properly. Test your backup sump pump.
- Clean or replace your furnace filter.