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Homeowners suggested planning & check list for Spring.

This is the year to be proactive not reactive!

After a long and cold winter season, it's important to check up on your home as months of low temperatures, ice and snow can leave devastating effects. We've compiled a checklist of things that every homeowner should know. Spring home maintenance doesn't have to be hard, so follow up with our list to see if you've covered all the bases!

Exterior Home Inspection

First things first! It's a lot easier to start taking a look at your home from the outside. Just a quick walk around your home can help you pinpoint any damage that may be a cause for concern and prevent costly repairs before it can get worse.

- **Roof**—For the most part, you can usually spot any roofing issues without having to get a ladder and climbing up on top of your house. Check to see if there's any cracked or missing shingles. Strong winds can also make your shingles curl and lift up by destroying the bond that keeps your roof together.
- **Gutters**—Are your gutters not properly draining water? Is there any debris that is blocking the proper drainage of water? Gutter cleaning can help keep it clear. Another thing to watch for is to check if your downspout is draining water away from the foundation as that can potentially lead to basement flooding.
- **Yard**—Are there any spots in your yard where the ground is considerably lower than its surrounding areas? If so, yard flooding may be a possibility. When it rains, all the water can potentially pool up in one spot. To remedy this, you can get compacted soil and add them to these low areas. You might want to get to this before summer comes around as these pools of water in your yard will be ripe for a breeding ground of bugs. If you hate [mosquitoes](#), you can limit them by getting rid of stagnant or still water around your home.
- **Chimney**—Are there any bricks that are loose or missing? Consider getting your chimney swept to clear up the flue from winter use. By doing this now you won't have a hard time finding someone, due to it being off season.



- **Lawn Equipment**—Make sure any gas or battery powered lawn equipment is ready to go for the warmer months ahead. Clean them well, especially its blades—sharper blades will help make doing yard work a breeze! Change the oil, filters and spark plugs in your law equipment.
- **Sprinkler System**—Check the system programming, valve operation and head operation. When starting up your sprinkler system watch for wet areas in the yard. This could be a sign of a leaking or broken pipe.
- **Air Conditioning**—Plan early this year! The supply chain is going to required additional time for replacement equipment as well as repair parts. Have your AC professionally serviced and tuned up by Champion Services. Clean coils and proper charge for your system means better efficiency and lower energy costs. By getting regular maintenance done, any problem areas will also be addressed and give you a peace of mind when summer rolls around. The key for this year is PLAN EARLY!
- **Electrical**—Visually inspect your incoming electrical service. Make sure it is securely attached to your home. Check and test all your outdoor GFCI outlets to ensure they are working properly, and covers are in good shape. Check all your outdoor lighting.

Interior Home Inspection

- **Air Filter**—After all that heavy use of your heating system during winter, spring is a good time to check up the air filter. Use a high flow air filter to ensure good air flow through your system. Having a dirty air filter can freeze up your system.
- **Duct Cleaning**—Spring is the best time to have your ducts cleaned and sanitized. Ensure to clean your blower motor and wheel as well to ensure the best air flow.
- **Dryer Vents**—Clean out your dryer vents. It will ensure your dryer is running efficient as well as help eliminate the possibility of a fire hazard.
- **Attic**—Things to look out for in your attic are signs of insects and common pests like mice. These furry little creatures like the warmth and once they deem your home to be a safe area, you can expect them to reproduce and multiply very quickly. Another cause for concern is mold. Having your attic insulated properly and allowing for optimal air flow will help prevent the growth of mold, which is more prevalent in the summer.
- **Basement**—Moisture is a common issue in basements. This is a result of poor ventilation and high humidity. Spring is the best time to look for leaks in cracks, dampness in corners, and water stains in the ceiling.



- **Plumbing**—Leaky faucets? It's almost like taking money and shoving it down your drain. Let's assume your leaking faucet drips at a rate of one droplet per minute. This equates to about 3,000 gallons of wasted water in a year. Check to make you're your toilets are not leaking by putting a red food coloring in the tank. Let it set for half hour if you see the red in the bowl you have a leak. Complete an inspection of all your plumbing pipes. It's a good practice to replace your washing machine hoses every couple of years.
- **Drain Lines** —Have a whole home drain jetting done. Cleaning out all the P-Traps, jetting all the drain lines to allow them to properly drain. Video inspect you main line after cleaning to visually inspect piping for roots, bellies, cracked or broken pipes.
- **Electrical** —Having your electrical panel serviced, cleaned, and safety check will reduce the possibility of electrical fire. Test all your GFCI outlets ensure they are working properly. Replace cracked or broken covers. Change the batteries in your smoke and CO alarms.
- **Humidifier**—Don't forget to change your humidifier filter and clean out the drain line. Verify your settings and check for proper operation.

Are You Ready For Spring?

Champion Services is here to help! We recommend becoming a Total Home Care Member to help you in protecting your investment, keeping your home safe for your family, and keeping your home as comfortable as possible. As well as eliminating the stress by having your home ready for summer.

Call us today if you have any question or to find out more information. **877-789-6716**