Your get-ready-for-spring guide

Give your home the attention it deserves with these spring maintenance tips. Simple to-dos that do a lot to keep your home safe.

Clean dirt and dust from around your A/C unit and change its filter. (A licensed contractor should also service the coolant.)

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Install rain gutters to direct water away from your home. April showers may bring May flowers, but your foundation is not a fan.





Check weather stripping around windows and doors. Replacing worn spots can save energy and cut down on A/C costs.



Inspect window screens and repair any holes. Snow and ice buildup can open the door for insects.



Hose off your home exterior. Winter sludge and muck aren't just for cars.

Scrub mildew off the exterior and treat decks for mildew and fungus. Mold can cause structural damage and health problems.



Trim back any trees or shrubs. Branches are a fire's best friend and can also do damage by falling, so keep them away from your home.





Use silicone spray on patio doors and window tracks, to ward off rust and corrosion and keep them moving.



Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. They're just too important.



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