



Homeownership

Spring into Home Care Checklist

- HVAC Tune-Up:** Summers can get hot, so service your HVAC early. Clean or replace filters, and check the coolant levels to keep your system efficient during those humid months ahead.
- Gutter Clearance:** Remove any buildup of pine needles and leaves from your gutters. Ensure downspouts drain away from the foundation to prevent water intrusion.
- Roof Check:** Inspect for any storm damage from winter. Look for loose or missing shingles, especially after any late winter storms, and address repairs promptly.
- Seal and Caulk:** The fluctuating temperatures can cause seals to crack. Inspect and re-caulk around windows and doors to boost insulation and keep cool air in.
- Foundation Inspection:** Examine for any new cracks or shifts in your foundation, a common issue in soil, especially after the winter moisture.
- Landscaping:** Start pruning your trees and shrubs. Spring growth can be vigorous, so shaping your landscape now can control growth and enhance curb appeal.
- Exterior Maintenance:** Check for peeling or chipped paint, which can be more than cosmetic – it's also about protecting your home's siding from the elements.
- Safety Checks:** Replace batteries in smoke detectors and ensure your carbon monoxide detectors are functioning, especially if you used gas heating over the winter.
- Deck Inspection:** Prepare for those BBQs by inspecting your deck or patio for any necessary repairs. Look for warped, loose, or splintered boards, and consider re-staining or sealing.
- Pest Prevention:** As the weather warms, pests become more active. Consider a pest control service to prevent infestations, particularly termites.