

Spring Has Sprung!

Indoor and Outdoor SPRING MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

- 1. Take advantage of the moderate temperatures to begin spring home maintenance.
- 2. Walk around and check windows, walls, foundations, gutters and decks.
- 3. Roof – any shingle shift or missing shingles?
- 4. Leaking around windows – check weather stripping and caulking to prevent cooled indoor air from escaping.
- 5. Spring clean the windows inside and out. Screens can be cleaned with mild detergent. Never power wash the screens, it could damage the mesh.
- 6. Air Conditioning – change the filter, check hose connections for leaks, check drain pans, and vacuum any dust that has settled on unit and connections.
- 7. Lawns – Rake the lawn and remove any branches, debris or leaves. Prepare your garden.
- 8. Check to see if outdoor water systems, pipes, faucets and in-ground sprinkler systems are in working order.
- 9. Decks and Patios – check for warped, loose or splintered boards. Remove any leaves and debris accumulated in the space between boards. A deck should be cleaned every year to extend its life.
- 10. Outdoor Furniture – If you stored your lawn furniture for the winter, bring it outdoors and give it a hose rinse or wash with a mild detergent. Check for signs of rust or paint erosion.
- 11. Grills – Check burner jets for clogs and obstructions. Make sure gas hoses and connections are sound and secure. Check for propane.
- 12. Attics – Search for mold which often takes the form of “gray or black blotches that look like staining.” Proper insulation and ventilation will deter mold growth.

