



## CHECKLIST

# SPRING PREPARATION

Seasonal tips to safeguard your home, prevent damage and prepare for what's next.

As the days grow longer and temperatures rise, spring presents an opportune moment to address home maintenance checks after a long winter season. With the end of winter storms, it's an ideal time to inspect your home, cottage or vacation home for any damage, carry out necessary repairs and prepare for warmer weather.

## MAINTENANCE CHECKS TO PREPARE FOR SPRING

The following tips and reminders will help prepare your home for the coming spring months, address potential problems and prevent water-related damage.

- **Test detectors.** Ensure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are operational by conducting regular tests. It's recommended to perform these tests every three months to ensure the safety of you and your family in the event of fire, smoke, or carbon monoxide exposure.
- **Gutter maintenance.** Maintain your gutters and downspouts by keeping them clear of debris. This ensures proper water flow, reducing the risk of backup and potential damage to your home.
- **Prevent water damage.** Inspect the soil surrounding the base of your home and adjust its grading as needed. Doing so can divert excess water away from the house, mitigating the risk of water damage.
- **Sprinkler check.** Sprinkler check-ups conserve water and safeguard plants. Ensure all zones are functioning properly and adjust or repair any damaged heads to prevent water waste. If unsure how, seek professional assistance for efficient maintenance, saving both water and money.

- **Fire safety.** Confirm the number of fire extinguishers in the home and ensure all household members know their locations.
- **Minimize leaks.** Ensure there are no leaks or drafts present around doors or windows. If you find any, seal them using caulking or sealant to enhance energy efficiency and comfort in your home.
- **Service fireplaces and chimneys.** Contact a certified professional to inspect and clean your fireplaces and chimneys to prevent smoke and/or fire-related damage.
- **Laundry care.** Always clean the dryer lint trap after every use, as well as any lint buildup in the dryer's drum, exhaust duct and the area around it.
- **Inspect the roof.** Check your roof for missing shingles, damaged metal pipes, or any irregularities. Contact a roofing professional for closer inspection or repairs as needed.
- **Air conditioners.** For optimal performance and longevity of your cooling system, replace filters every season and hire a licensed professional for pre-summer servicing.

With the potential impact of spring rains, snowmelt and the upcoming hurricane season, the well-being of your home could be at risk of damage. Take this opportunity to assess your options and backup plans, ensuring readiness to tackle the challenges the spring season can bring.

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