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Spring Home Maintenance Checklist

	Remove all leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts. Make sure that downspouts have extensions or splash blocks on the ground to help direct rainwater away from your home.
	Examine the siding, doors, windows and trim for peeling paint, cracks, mildew or rotting. Clean siding with a pressure washer. Repair, repaint and caulk if necessary.
	Clean area wells, window wells, and storm drains.
	Check/clean windows and door screens. Patch any holes or replace the screen if holes are large enough to allow bugs to come in. Replace and cracked windows.
	Check weather stripping/caulking on windows and doors. Remove and replace if necessary.
	Check and lubricate window hardware.
	Inspect roof for any loose or damaged shingles, have repaired if necessary.
	Check for damaged flashing.
	Check the drainage around your foundation to keep water out of your basement or crawlspace. You should have 6 inches of ground slope within the first 10 feet next to the house foundation.
	Test your sump pump to ensure it is working properly.
	Check and flush your hot water heater.

	Check the trees around your house. If any need to be trimmed or removed, call a tree service.
	Check for cracks in your driveways or walkways. Schedule to have them resealed before winter if you find any major cracks.
	Change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
	Check all decks, patios, porches, stairs, and railings for loose pieces and deterioration. Clean, seal and/or stain if necessary.
	Examine the exterior of the chimney for signs of damage. Have the flue cleaned and inspected by a certified chimney sweep.
	Remove firewood stored near your home. Firewood should be stored at least 2 feet from the structure and off the ground.
	Check outside hose faucets for freeze damage and check the garden hose for dry rot.
	Clean dirt and dust from around the furnace. Change the filter.
	Remove any leaves and debris from AC unit. It is a good idea to have a qualified service professional check your heating and cooling system.
	Check your attics for any roof leaks after a hard rain.
	Inspect your basement for dampness or water.
	Check your pipes. Including those in your basement or crawl space. Corroded pipes are a leak waiting to happen! You may also find that you had problems with pipes freezing over the winter.
	Check your septic tank and have it pumped/service if necessary.

