

Spring is here: get your home ready!

As we hopefully begin to wrap up what can definitely be called a long difficult winter most of the country is more than ready for warmer weather to arrive. As the snow and ice begin to melt away it's time to think about getting your home ready for spring. Below is a simple checklist to ensure that your indoor and outdoor areas are in top-notch shape for the changing of the seasons.

Indoor maintenance.

Clean or replace your furnace filters. A dirty filter can lower the efficiency of your homes HVAC system. If the filter is reusable, remove it, wash it down with a hose than reinsert otherwise want replace it with the new.

Test your conditioning system. If you wait until the 1st hot day of the season to check it, and have a problem, you're probably waiting quite a while to have it serviced!

Check caulking around all doors and windows, improper caulking allows for moisture to get inside your walls and cause mold. This is also the perfect time to wash and clean all windows replaced Warner damage screens as necessary.

Check/replace fire extinguishers. Make sure each unit meets current safety standards and check the gauges to ensure they are charged and ready for use.

Test smoke and fire alarms, replacing batteries and cleaning dust from the covers.

Clean ceiling fans, whether you utilize overhead fans year-round or only during the wall warmer months, wipe down blades with an all-purpose cleaner, in addition to providing a calling breeze, ceiling fans can increase the overall airflow throughout your home.

Dust and check wattage of light bulbs. While cleaning up each mold, check for current wattage. A fire can result within a light fixture, wall or ceiling. If the water is used in a fixture is too high.

Clean and store humidifiers. Unless you reside in a very dry climate, you probably won't need them until fall or winter.

Deep cleaning carpets is a spring cleaning must. Consider purchasing a steam cleaner for your home – not only will it come in handy during twice yearly major cleaning sessions, but will also prove to be a lifesaver if you have pets or children in the home.

Clean out your refrigerator and freezer. If you have a coil – back refrigerator, vacuum the coils at least twice each year for maximum efficiency. Wipe down interior and exterior surfaces and placed new boxes of baking soda in each to maintain overall freshness.

Spring is the optimal time to perform both indoor and outdoor pest control. If enough, your are currently experiencing pest problem, it's best to undergo preventative treatment rather than wait until warmer temperatures potentially create an issue.

Outdoor maintenance

check for possible damage to the roof. Look for missing, cracked or broken shingles and make note of any needed repairs. For safety reasons, you may want to consider hiring a qualified professional to take care of any repair that needs to be done. Also, clean gutters and downspouts and make sure they are directing water away from the structure.

Cutback tree limbs and shrubs growing within 5 feet of the house or that are brushing up against the house, you will create better ventilation, help dry out services and prevent possible damage.

Check for and repair cracks in driveway/sidewalk. Spring is the best time to seal cracks in the driveway or any other concrete. Pressure washer\patio and bring outdoor furniture out of storage. Make sure wipe down each piece thoroughly prior to placing on a freshly washed purpose.

Check garden hoses for dry rot and inspect hose faucets for possible freeze damage that may have occurred during the winter months.

Clean/condition. Your outdoor grill by 1st rinsing all outside services with water. If Greece has loosened on the grill grates and inside of the grill. Wipe off using grill cleaner and paper towels. Followed by washing with a mild detergent and water. Rinse well and white dry.

By taking the time to prepare your home for spring, you'll be able to focus more on enjoying outdoor activities, longer days and mild weather and less on household fixes and repairs.

Have a great spring!