

Spring is the perfect time to refresh your home after a long winter. With warmer weather ahead, it's important to check both the inside and outside of your home to ensure everything is in top shape. Neighborly®'s trusted home service experts have put together this checklist to help you prepare for the season. If you need a helping hand, Neighborly and its family of home service brands are here to help!

INDOOR MAINTENANCE

- ☐ **HVAC System:** Change air filters and inspect air ducts for mold, allergens, or debris. Schedule a professional HVAC tune-up to ensure efficient performance before the heat of summer arrives.
- □ Appliance Check: Inspect major appliances for unusual sounds, leaks, or inadequate performance. Declutter small appliances by donating or storing those you don't use.
- □ Plumbing Check: Repair leaky faucets and valves, inspect caulking around tubs and showers, and check toilet flush mechanisms for smooth operation.
- □ Deep Cleaning: Give your home a full refresh by cleaning flooring, furniture, and storage areas.
- □ Safety Check: Test and replace batteries in smoke detectors, fire alarms, and carbon monoxide detectors. Check fire extinguisher expiration dates and service your generator if needed.

- Water Heater & Sump Pump: Test the water heater relief valve to ensure proper function. Also, inspect your sump pump to prevent basement flooding.
- Walls & Paint: Check for peeling paint or outdated colors. A fresh coat can brighten up your home for spring.
- □ Electrical Systems: Ensure all outlets are sufficient for your home's power load. Test ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) for safety.
- □ Organization Refresh: Organize closets, pantries, and cabinets. Consider adding drawer inserts, spice racks, and other storage solutions to maximize space.
- □ Roof & Attic: Check for leaks that may have formed over winter, especially after heavy precipitation. Address any issues early to prevent costly damage.

OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE

- ☐ Garage Door Maintenance: Test the garage door for smooth operation and inspect the seals for wear. If necessary, consider upgrading to a more secure and stylish door.
- □ Lawn Equipment: Test and service lawnmowers, trimmers, and other yard tools before grass growth kicks into high gear.
- Outdoor Cleaning: Power wash your home's exterior, outdoor furniture, driveways, and walkways to remove winter grime and enhance curb appeal.
- Windows & Doors: Wash windows inside and out for a clearer view. Check and repair damaged window screens.

- □ Pest Prevention: Start mosquito and tick control services early. Apply preventative pest treatments around your home.
- □ Home Exterior Inspection: Look for signs of rot, peeling paint, or insect damage on siding, porches, decks, and outbuildings. Repair or replace any damaged areas.
- Outdoor Equipment: Inspect and clean your BBQ grill and any outdoor kitchen appliances to get ready for spring gatherings.
- ☐ Yard & Landscaping: Trim trees and shrubs, clear away dead plants and debris, and clean out gutters. Trim any branches near power lines or hanging over your roof.

