

## *SPRING HAS SPRUNG*

*Time to get your Castle in order*



### ***SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE AND THE VALUE ADDED***

As a homeowner, there is always work to be done. With Spring underway, the sun and warmer weather finally getting us to think about enjoying our outdoor spaces it's a great time to take a good look at any damage Old Man Winter has left behind.

There's no better way to preserve the value of your home, than completing regular, consistent maintenance. So with every changing season it's a good time to do a thorough check of your house. In order to keep your home in tiptop shape - take a good look at both the interior and exterior – make any repairs or do any cleaning necessary.

Before getting the patio furniture out and planning this years gardens it's always a good idea to have a maintenance checklist

#### **What's gained from regular maintenance...**

- Uphold's property value of your home
- Improves and keeps up appearance
- Protects your property from weather and other potential threats
- Reduces replacement costs when doing regular maintenance
- Identifies issues needing immediate attention
- Reduces unexpected surprises with unforeseen issues
- Saves time and money by frequently attending to maintenance checks

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## MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Home maintenance is the best thing you can do to uphold your property value and avoid surprises that could become costly so Spring is a good time to get your house in order. If the weather is still feeling a little too chilly for the outside maintenance, start with the interior.

### INTERIOR

- **CHECK THE AC AND FURNACE**  
*make sure your air conditioner or central air unit is ready, have it serviced if needed or change the filter if necessary*
- **TAKE A LOOK IN THE ATTIC**  
*check to ensure no leaks have developed and make sure no mice, insects or critters have nested over the winter*
- **HEAD DOWN TO THE BASEMENT**  
*check the interior wall for signs of leaks; check the sump pump; washing machine hoses; inspect the windows*
- **CHECK THE SMOKE ALARMS**  
*your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should be checked to make sure they are working properly and change the batteries; check fire extinguishers*

### EXTERIOR

- **CLEAN GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS**  
*gutters and downspouts get clogged preventing water from adequately being directed away*
- **RESEAL EXTERIOR WOODWORK**  
*fences and decks should be checked for damage; depending on the wood type they may need to be sealed or stained*
- **INSPECT ROOF SHINGLES**  
*it is vital to ensure the roof is damage free; damage to shingles, flashing, or leaks can impact other areas...be sure to take care on the ladder*
- **FOUNDATION INSPECTION**  
*foundations can be the source of water issues in the basement; check for cracks as well as exterior walls; siding and brick damage*
- **CALK, REPAIR WINDOWS AND DOORS**  
*check for cracks or hardened caulking around windows and door; replace as required*
- **OUTDOOR LIGHTS**  
*ensure lights and motion sensors are functioning properly and replace bulbs as necessary; re-install solar lights in walkways and gardens*



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