

# Spring HOME MAINTENANCE

## CARE ABOUT YOUR AIR

- Get your HVAC system ready for warmer months.
- Test any exhaust fans and hoods in your kitchen and bathrooms. If these aren't working properly, it can lead to issues like moisture and mold when warmer weather arrives.
- Replace your furnace filter (every 3 months).
- Test all your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, and replace batteries annually.
- Check your fire extinguishers.
- Clean any debris or dirt off air conditioning units.
- Check hose connections on your air conditioner for leaks, and make sure the drain pans are draining freely. Schedule an air conditioner inspection if needed.

## EXTERIOR & FOUNDATION

- Check your roof for damage from the winter or normal aging.
- Clean out your gutters, and make sure they are securely attached and ready for big spring rains. Repair any leaks or weak spots.
- Check your foundation for cracks or leaks. Hire a foundation specialist to perform any repairs.
- Inspect your siding, masonry, or exterior paint. Schedule repairs if needed.

## WINDOWS & DOORS

- Inspect the caulking and weather stripping around your windows. If there is any cracking or damage, recaulk or replace weather stripping.
- Remove storm windows and install screens.
- Check screens for holes and damage.

## DECK & PATIO

- Check your deck or patio for loose boards, bricks, or stones. Repair any weak areas.
- No matter the material your deck is made of, keeping it clean will extend its life.
- Check if your deck needs restained, sealed, or repaired.
- Make sure your grill is in good working order before barbecue season!

## ATTIC & BASEMENT

- Check for pests, mold, fire hazards, leaks, and moisture. Call an expert if you discover any.

## CALL THE EXPERTS

- Does your septic tank need to be pumped or replaced?
- Do your dryer vents need to be professionally cleaned?
- Is your water heater older than 5 years?