

Extended Advice SM

Summer Checklist



Prepare your home for warmer weather and a focus on outdoor living. The following are simple tips for keeping your home cool and comfortable during the summer months.

Task Complete	Summer Action Items
Exterior (click on any underlined item for additional information)	
	Yard Care; Mow lawn higher and mulch flower and shrub areas for water conservation. Edge lawn areas as needed. Add fertilizer and weed prevention as desired, per manufacturer's instructions.
	Wash your House; Remove grime and mildew with a scrub brush or pressure washer.
	Clean and Seal your Deck; Remove grime and mildew with a scrub brush or pressure washer and let dry overnight; apply UV-resistant sealer when wood is dry.
	Clean your Gas BBQ; Spray metal exterior surfaces with a degreaser, wipe clean. Remove grill grates and burner drip guards and scrape off accumulated gunk and re-install.
	Fences & Gates; Inspect and replace damaged wood or metal fabric, posts, paint wrought iron, check gate hinges & locks.
	Siding and Trim Care; Caulk open joints, touch-up paint, repair any damaged parts.
	Garage Door; Test balance and motor operation. Lubricate and tighten hinges, rollers, drive mechanism. Test safety reverse function.
	Metal Railings; Scrape, remove rust, clean dirt and paint them. Make sure railings are firmly affixed to stoop and steps.
	Sidewalks and Driveway; Repair damaged areas and seal cracks. Check for settlement or tree root damage.
	Children's Play Equipment; Inspect wood, metal, plastic, chains and moving parts for damage. Repair as needed.
	Check & Clean Chimney Flue; Avoid the fall rush, call a chimney sweep now to inspect and perform any needed cleaning.
	Firewood; Order for Fall and Winter use; Stack, cover and let it season until fall use.
Interior (click on any underlined item for additional information)	
	Basement/Crawl Spaces; Inspect for moisture intrusion along walls, floor & wall/floor joint. If water entry is found, check that gutters, downspouts & yard grading direct water away from foundation. Check sumps & pumps to confirm operation.
	Check Attic Insulation; Inspect the condition of the insulation covering the ceiling (from floor below) and any insulation on any vertical walls that may have fallen. Insulation depth should yield an R-30 rating or better in the ceiling.
	Attic Roof Fan Operation; Inspect function and thermostat. Check soffit and roof/gable vent condition to be sure air flows freely from bottom to top.
	Electrical Wiring (visible); Switches, receptacles, lights; Examine for damage or loose parts. Repair any damage.
	GFCI Receptacles; Test all in house to confirm safety function. Replace any that do not trip or won't reset.
	AFCI's at Panel Breakers; Test all for safety function. Have an electrician replace any that do not trip or won't reset.
	Clothes Washer Water Hoses and Drains; Inspect for leaks and bulges. Repair any damage.
	Window Operation; Inspect function, hardware, weatherstripping and locks.
	Refrigerator/Freezer Coils; Clean and check tightness of door seals.
	Faucets, Hose Bibbs, Supply Valves; Check for leaks and mold around faucets by operating all of them and inspecting under cabinets.