

Spring is here and we know that you are preparing to make your home look its best! 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.

Below is a Spring cleaning list to help you:

Indoor Maintenance

- ✓ Clean or replace your furnace filters. A dirty filter can lower the efficiency of your home's HVAC system.
- ✓ Test your air conditioning system. If you wait until the first hot day of the season day to check it and have a problem, you'll probably be waiting quite a while to have it serviced!
- ✓ Check caulking around all doors and windows. Improper caulking allows for moisture to get inside your home.
- ✓ Test smoke and fire alarms, replacing batteries and cleaning dust from the covers.

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 work that needs to be done.
- ✓ Clean gutters and downspouts and make sure they are directing water away from the house.
- ✓ Trim back and prune tree limbs and shrubs; clean out any weeds or dead foliage. You will create better ventilation, help dry out surfaces and prevent possible damage.
- ✓ Mow your grass regularly as well as treat any weeds that are growing in your yard
- ✓ Repair broken or damaged fences.
- ✓ Check driveway, sidewalks, retaining walls and other structures for damage
- ✓ Pressures-wash your house and deck/patio to clean off mold/mildew/stains and bring outdoor furniture out of storage.
- ✓ Touch-up paint as needed on your home and your mailboxes Approval by the HOA is not required if you are repainting using the original colors.
- ✓ Wash windows/screens and check for tears that need repair.
- ✓ Clean outdoor lighting fixtures and replace bulbs
- ✓ Remove all nonworking cars and trailers from your driveway and streets. They are not allowed in the community and will be towed at the owners' expense.
- ✓ Trash cans and grills must be placed in the rear of the house or in the garage.
- ✓ Pets are required to be on a leash always; please pick up after pets.