

SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS

Spring is fast approaching and soon a different set of sights, sounds and smells will be wafting through the air. With the sun and warmer weather comes the realization of Old Man Winter's torturous behaviour over the last 5-6 months.

Before you break out the patio furniture and start organizing your gardens, you may want to follow these helpful tips to get your home ready for a satisfying summer season.

1. *Check your gutters and down spouts.*
2. *Use compacted soil next to foundation.*
3. *Fix cracks- foundation walkways, patio.*
4. *Caulk and repair windows.*
5. *Move unnecessary item away from house.*
6. *Inspect A/C, outdoor faucets and lights.*
7. *Examine roof shingles or any other damage.*
8. *Examine chimney for damage. Have flue cleaned.*
9. *Check power equipment to ensure it is ready for summer service.*



When you are satisfied with the outside it is now time to have a good walk through the inside. Spring is the perfect time to clean and /or replace the furnace filter, check smoke and carbon detectors, check dryer vent and have your fireplace cleaned.

The Importance of a Spring Home Maintenance Program

- **Value:** it helps you maintain and adds value to your home
- **Appearance:** Improves the appearance of your property
- **Protection:** Protects your house against weather and other threats
- **Reduce long term costs:** Maintenance costs less when you do it regularly
- **Identify issues:** Identify problems before they become major repairs
- **Fewer surprises:** Fewer unseen issues will arise
- **Save time:** The more frequently you do it the less time it takes each season

