



## Getting Ready For Summer

Spring is just around the corner and summer is not far away. There are many projects that home owners can do to prepare their home for the warmer seasons. Now would be a good time to start when the weather permits to get under way. The following are 10 recommendations for home maintenance.

1. Inspect your roof and gutter system. Look for missing or damaged shingles and repair or replace as needed. Make sure that all gutters and downspouts have not been damaged and are draining properly and gutters are free of debris. Verify that downspout extensions are pitched away from home and are clear and undamaged.
2. Inspect siding and windows. Repair or replace any damage.
3. Inspect all caulking and utility penetrations. Re caulk as needed.
4. Repair or replace damaged trim and soffit.
5. Inspect and replace as needed, weather-stripping on all doors and windows.
7. Test all smoke detectors and add more if needed. See [www.nfpa.org/smokealarms](http://www.nfpa.org/smokealarms) for more details. Replace batteries in all smoke detectors.
8. Inspect grade around home. Add fill as needed to pitch water away from home. Note: Grade should not be closer than 6-8" from bottom of siding.
8. If you have a well, have your water tested.
9. If you have air conditioning, have your system inspected and serviced.
10. Remove any brush and leaves from around foundation and air condition.

These are just a few of the many projects that home owners should consider to help keep their home safe and more enjoyable.

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