



Here are a few things you can do to keep your home in excellent condition during the hot summer months.

INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Attic.** Ensure proper ventilation to assure uniform air flow.
- Air Filters.** Inspect, clean and replace filters as needed in the furnace/air-conditioning system as well as humidifiers. Replace air filters every month for the first year and every other month thereafter.
- Bathroom.** Check and tighten all loose fixtures. Check and recaulk tub grout as necessary to prevent leaks.
- Electricity.** Check condition of cords with all appliances. Make sure outlets are not overloaded. If so, contact an qualified electrician to create additional outlets where needed. Check and replace worn fuses.
- Floors.** Examine wear, damage and evenness, particularly where materials join each other. Have carpets professionally cleaned.
- Hoses.** Check water hoses on your clothes washer, refrigerator, icemaker and dishwasher for cracks and bubbles.
- Interior Wood Doors.** Inspect for cracking and peeling. Repaint if necessary.
- Interior Windows.** Ensure proper working order. Check and repair weather-stripping, joints and caulk for leaks.
- Locks.** Check they are oiled and in proper working order.
- Kitchen.** Clean the stove's exhaust hood and air filter. Check all hardware and lubricate moving parts.
- Safety.** Establish a plan for escaping your home in event of fire, smoke, etc. Determine which items you need to get out and ensure they are in firesafe box in an easily accessible location.
- Smoke Detectors.** Test and replace batteries.
- Stairs.** Ensure handrails and banisters are stable.
- Vents.** In a multilevel home, partially close the lower level vents so more cool air will be direct to the upper level.
- Walls.** Check walls, ceilings and baseboards for dampness or bulging.
- Water Heater.** Drain out water and remove sediment. Confirm gas heaters have proper ventilation. Check faucets, hose bibs, and valve stools for damage and/or corrosion. Have entire system checked by qualified service provider.

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- Driveway.** Check all areas for cracks, settling and erosion.
- Drainage.** Assure water is draining away from your home. Check and clean area wells, window sills, storm drains and gutters.
- Exterior Doors.** Oil hinges and locks. Check for wood decay and repaint areas that are cracked or peeling.
- Exterior Windows.** Examine for wood decay. Clean and replace damaged screens. Check glazed openings for loose putty.
- Lawn.** Water in the morning hours and mow in the evenings.
- Masonry.** Check for cracks and loose joints.
- Roof.** Check for damaged or loose shingles, blisters or sponginess.
- Septic System.** Check and clean if necessary.



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