Summer is here. Make summer chores disappear.

This checklist will assure your home is ready for summer.

**Problem Solved**

**Summer Maintenance**

- Block the sun indoors by installing honeycomb weave window blinds and heat-reflecting, light-colored curtains. Solar screens and window films can also help reflect sunlight.

- Adding window awnings outside will create shade and help keep rooms cool while maintaining a great view.

- Change the direction of your ceiling fan blades to counter-clockwise to push air downward, which creates a cool breeze.

- Check home exterior for peeling paint and chipped siding. Replace if needed.

- While installing window screens, check for rips and tears. Replace damaged screens to keep bugs and debirs outside.

- Sanding, staining and sealing your wood deck ensures this outdoor space is protected and looks great for entertaining season!

- Stay warm after the sun goes down with a portable fire pit. Or, consider adding a permanent fireplace as a focal point for a large yard.

- Front doors can show wear after enduring weather year after year. Consider a new door, new hardware or a coat of paint to improve first impressions.

- If mosquitos are bugging you, check gutters for damage or debris. Standing water in a gutter is a pest's paradise.

- Clear weeds, rocks, dirt and other debris from wood fences to prevent moisture from promoting wood rot. Clean vinyl or aluminum fences annually with a hose and mild soap.