

# Summer Home Maintenance



It's easy to forget, or ignore, the importance of preparing your house for Summer. Complete the items from this checklist to assure your home is ready for summer! That way, you'll have more time to enjoy the bright warm weather.

- ❑ 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 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.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ While installing window screens, check for rips and tears. Replace damaged screens to keep bugs and debris outside.
- ❑ Sanding, staining and sealing your wood deck ensures this outdoor space is protected and looks great for entertaining guests during this season.
- ❑ Stay warm after the sun goes down with a portable fire pit. Also consider adding a permanent fireplace as a focal point for a large yard.
- ❑ Check home exterior for peeling paint and chipped siding. Replace if needed.
- ❑ If mosquitoes 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.