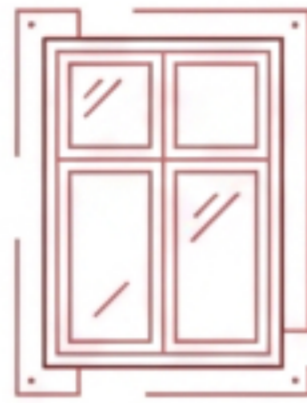




## WINDOWS

- Inspect for fogging between glass panes:** Fogging indicates a failed insulated seal, meaning the window has lost its thermal barrier and likely needs replacement.
- Check for gaps, peeling caulk, and flush sashes:** These issues allow warm, humid outside air to enter your home, increasing the load on your cooling system and making rooms feel stuffy.
- Examine window screens:** Repair or replace torn or bent screens to ensure summer insects stay outside.



## DOORS

- Test doors for sticking, sagging, or dragging:** Mooresville's summer humidity causes wooden doors and frames to swell and expand. Adjust their alignment if they rub or if the latches no longer catch.
- Inspect door weatherstripping:** Ensure the weatherstripping has not peeled away from the frame due to heat and moisture cycling, as gaps allow a continuous flow of humid air into the home.
- Evaluate storm doors:** Check existing storm doors for worn closer arms, bent screen frames, or damaged weatherstripping. If you do not have one, consider installing a storm door to protect your primary entry door from summer storms, direct sun, and moisture.



## DECKS AND PATIOS

- Look for compromised deck boards:** Walk the deck carefully to identify warped, cupped, splintered, or soft boards. Press down on discolored or sunken areas; soft spots indicate moisture damage and require immediate replacement before the underlying frame is compromised.
- Test all railings and steps:** Check for any wobbling, as movement presents a significant safety hazard for guests and children.
- Inspect all deck fasteners:** Look for screws or nails that are corroding or backing out, which can create tripping hazards and weaken the deck's structural connections.
- Check deck surfaces and sealants:** Look for mildew staining, graying wood, or areas where water no longer beads. Resealing or restaining provides an essential barrier that prevents moisture from penetrating deeper into the wood.
- Clean composite decking:** Although composite materials hold up better than untreated wood, they still require thorough cleaning and inspection at the beginning of the season.



## GENERAL EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

- Clean the gutters:** Remove debris left over from spring storms to ensure heavy summer downpours drain properly away from your roofline and foundation, rather than pooling around it.
- Recaulk exterior gaps:** Check the caulking around window frames, door frames, and anywhere pipes pass through exterior walls. UV exposure and temperature swings cause caulk to crack, and replacing it is a small job that helps stop moisture, insects, and warm air intrusion.
- Walk around your siding:** Check both wood and vinyl siding for cracked or damaged sections. Summer heat and humidity accelerate wear, and repairing small cracks now helps prevent major water intrusion and pest issues later.