



Spring home maintenance checklist

Flowers are blooming, bees are buzzing, and warmer weather is finally arriving. Spring is here! And you know what that means – it's time to start thinking about your home's annual spring maintenance.

After being cooped up indoors all winter, spring is a great time to get things in order – both inside and outside your home. Ready to tackle your to-do list? America's Preferred Home Warranty is here to help you do your thing this spring.

STEP 1: Exterior home maintenance checklist

Inspecting and maintaining these areas found on the exterior of your home can help you avoid the common issues that lead to major repairs.

- Check your driveway and walkways** for damage to your concrete or asphalt
- Inspect your roof** for loose, cracked, or missing shingles
- [Clean and repair gutters and downspouts](#) to prevent clogs and water damage
- Look for termites and other pests** that typically swarm homes in springtime
- Clean around your air conditioner** by removing leaves, sticks, and other debris
- Inspect your chimney** for any brick, stone, or other obvious masonry issues
- Examine your home's foundation and concrete slabs** for cracks or movement
- Check outside faucets and hoses** for leaks, cracks, and freeze damage
- Apply a sealant** to any minor cracks and chips in your home's exterior masonry
- Replace rotted siding or trim** with new material to prevent further damage
- Pressure wash deck and outdoor furniture** to remove dust, mold, and other allergens
- Check window exteriors** for damaged or missing glass, caulk, or weather stripping
- Repair or replace damaged window screens** to keep pests from entering your home
- [Assess your sprinkler system](#) to locate leaks or any missing or damaged sprinkler heads

STEP 2: Lawn and garden maintenance checklist

Caring for your lawn and garden can help enhance your home's curb appeal, keep pests away, and use water more effectively.

Spring lawn care

- Rake your yard** to remove dead grass, leaves, twigs, and other lawn debris
- [Aerate your lawn](#) to help your grass get more water, air, and nutrients for growth
- Fertilize your grass** after 2-3 lawn mowing cycles or 2-3 weeks after it starts greening
- Water your lawn** up to one inch per day in the early morning hours for a green lawn
- Mow your lawn** when it's dry and only remove the top one-third of your grass blades

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Spring garden care

- Clean out garden and flower beds** to prepare the soil for the upcoming year
- Test your soil bed** every 3-5 years to see what nutrients it might be missing
- Add a 1- to 2-inch layer of compost or fertilizer** to make your soil bed healthy
- Prune trees and shrubs** whose limbs were damaged over the winter; avoid pruning shrubs or plants that flower in the spring
- Replace trellises and stakes** you put away for winter so your new plants can grow!

STEP 3: Interior home maintenance checklist

Maintaining your home's systems and appliances can improve their lifespan and efficiency, helping you prevent expensive breakdowns and replacements.

- [Maintain your HVAC system](#) to prevent expensive repairs and replacements; change your [HVAC air filters](#) every 30-90 days
- [Inspect your home's plumbing](#) for [leaks](#), clogs, and damaged fittings or faucets
- [Clean and maintain your garbage disposal](#) to prevent future plumbing issues
- [Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors](#) and replace batteries as needed
- [Maintain your refrigerator](#) every six months to maximize its efficiency and longevity
- Inspect your washer and dryer** for leaks, damaged hoses, or [safety hazards](#)
- Maintain your gas or electric water heater** every six months
- Check your water softener** for leaks and other issues that could impact water quality
- Get your pool and jetted tub** ready for warmer weather
- [Maintain your oven](#) to help this appliance last longer and prevent fire hazards
- [Clean your microwave](#) to keep it sanitary and improve its efficiency
- [Check your garage door](#) to ensure it is working safely and properly
- [Clean your dishwasher](#) to reduce water leaks and improve its effectiveness

Checklist completed!

Once you're done, you should have a more efficient, safe, and comfortable home just in time for summer!

Everything you can do to make your house more livable not only benefits everyone in your home: Experts say that [regular maintenance can even make your home more valuable](#).