



12 Steps for Springtime Home Maintenance in Colorado

- **01. Damage Inspection:** Start with a walk around your home looking for winter damage. Watch for loose or missing shingles, damaged siding, gutter and downspout issues, sidewalk or driveway cracks, and chimney damage.
- **02. Foundation Check:** Review the foundation from both the outside and inside. Look for cracks, leaks, and shifts in the walls.
- **03. Yard Cleanup:** Remove the fallen tree limbs, rake the leaves, cut back ornamental grasses, and put down fresh mulch.
- **04. Tree and Shrub Trimming:** Trim back tree limbs that are threatening your roof. Clear space so sun and airflow can enter around your home to help reduce the risk of mold and mildew on siding.
- **05. Gutter and Downspout Cleaning:** Clean out all the leaves and make sure everything is working before the rains come that can lead to basement or crawl space flooding.
- **06. Outdoor Plumbing and Equipment Inspection:** Inspect outdoor faucets, sprinkler system, heat pump or AC unit, pool equipment, and anything else you've got out there.
- **07. Outdoor Drain Flush:** Take care of buried drains, storm drains, and other rainwater management systems around your home. Clear out clogs with a plumbing snake.
- **08. Lawn Seeding:** Look for any thin or bare spots and use the matching seed for your lawn. Consider a lawn seed blanket on slopes to help keep the seed in place while it puts down roots.
- **09. Pest Control:** Check the perimeter of your home to look for damage from termites, ants, or even burrowing animals. Looking at the eaves of your roof. Bees, bats, birds, and squirrels can also do a great deal of damage.
- **10. Foundation Landscape Maintenance:** Check to make sure that any window wells are clear of growth and sealed against rain. Make sure mulch and shrubs are not too close. Watch for root growth near the foundation as well.
- **11. Siding and Deck Pressure Washing:** Power wash siding and decks. Make sure you use the right settings for the type of wood on your deck and the type of siding.
- **12. Summer Project Planning:** Collect a list of home improvements you'd like to make. After spring inspection, add the repairs you've found and formalize the project list.

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