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Spring Preparation Checklist

Roof and Gutters

- Inspect roof for loose, damaged, missing shingles
- Check soffit for signs of moisture build-up
- Check flashing for lifting, poor seals
- Clean, check gutters & downspouts for wear
- Check chimney for loose masonry, cracked mortar, signs of smoke, water leaks
- Check caulking, flashing around skylights, plumbing vents, roof vents, etc.
- Check, treat for roof moss.
- Check condition of roof-top TV antennas, guy wires.

Porch, patio and deck

- Check exterior lights
- Check for earth-to-wood contact
- Add slip-proof strips to steps and other slippery spots
- Power wash wooden decks
- Tighten screws, clean wooden decks
- Apply wood-conditioner/sealer and UV protection to decks

Exterior walls & plumbing

- Remove Styrofoam in foundation vents
- Open exterior water bibs
- Remove Styrofoam hoods from exterior water bibs
- Check for missing, loose siding
- Check for deteriorating finishes; paint any bare patches
- Caulk joints & minor cracks
- Remove earth-to-wood contact
- Uncover, clean air conditioner(s)

Yard chores

- Prune trees, shrubs, roses
- Clean lawn mower & garden tools
- Clean, reattach hoses and sprinklers

Drainage

- Check storm & other drains
- Check foundation for proper drainage (use hose)
- Check gutter downspouts for proper drainage (use hose)

Attic

- Check insulation for wind action at soffit vents
- Check insulation for adequate depth
- Check vent openings for nests or other blockages
- Check heat-sensitive switch on attic fan
- Seal around attic stairways and pull-down stair hatches
- Unseal whole-house fans

Crawl space

- Check water pipes for leaks, insulation
- Check duct work for leaks, insulation
- Check for and seal cracks, leaks in walls or floor
- Check status of vapor barrier
- Check foundation insulation
- Replace OMNIFILTER, Whole House (T01)

Interior

- Check smoke detectors
- Uninstall storm windows, if previously removed
- Clean "weep holes" at bottom of storm windows, if so equipped
- Clean, lubricate windows and sliding glass door channels
- Reattach awnings, etc -- especially from south-facing windows
- Vacuum heating ducts & vents

Garage & driveway

- Check garage door seals: top, sides, bottom
- Seal driveway, sidewalk cracks. Silicone/rubber compound for narrow cracks; mortar or patching cement to seal wide cracks

Sources: *American Red Cross, FEMA.*

Notes:

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