



Spring Home Maintenance Checklist

Here are the essential things to check on for Minnesota homeowners.

GUTTERS

- If you didn't clean your gutters after the last leaves fell, now's the time! Remove any soggy leaves using a \$4 gutter scoop.

DOWNSPOUT EXTENSIONS

- Downspout extensions often get disconnected over the winter. Walk around your home to ensure they're properly attached.

SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE TUBING & TESTING YOUR SUMP PUMP

- If you have a sump pump, make sure it's directing water away from your home. Reattach the exterior discharge hose if you disconnected it in the fall. To prevent a flooded basement, test your sump pump before adding water to the sump basket until it activates.

INSECT SCREENS

- If you removed your window screens for the winter, put them back up.

DE-WINTERIZE OUTSIDE FAUCETS

- Turn on outside faucets by opening the shutoff valve in the basement.

DRYER DUCT

- Clean your clothes dryer duct and ensure the exterior damper moves freely and closes properly.

AIR CONDITIONER

- If you covered your AC unit for the winter, remove the cover. We don't recommend AC covers, as they trap moisture and attract pests.

FURNACE

- Replace or clean the filter, following the manufacturer's guidelines. Most filters should be changed every 1-3 months.