



Give Your Home a Spring Checkup

With the wrapped-up winter months now ending, give your home a checkup to make sure all is well inside and out. For example:

- Inspect your roof's shingles for signs of damage from winter weather. Clean out gutters of leaves and debris, and check to see that downspouts are directed away from the foundation.
- Check the foundation for cracks and imperfections. Also, are there low yard levels near the foundation that will collect rainwater? If so, fill them with compacted soil.
- If you have a backyard deck, check the area that connects to the house for water stains; consistent water leakage could decay the wood and weaken the structure of the deck. You may also wish to use a pressure washer to rid the deck of moss and mold.
- Check your doors and windows for leaks. In particular, look for peeling or chipping paint, which could be a sign of water intrusion. Seal any leaks.
- Check your plumbing for signs of leaks, including your water heater as well as your faucets. Look for sweating pipes and clogged drains. Check your washing machine hoses to detect bulges, cracks or dampness.

Additionally, be sure to give your air conditioning system a bit of maintenance and care, especially since it's got a pretty strenuous road ahead for the summer months. Keep these tips in mind:

- Before you turn on your unit, check the condensing unit outside. Make sure it's not covered up by leaves, shrubs or debris.
- Before you really need your air conditioner, give it a test run. Don't wait until the summer heat hits to find your air conditioner forgot how to work.
- Change your filters regularly. It's a small task that makes a big difference. Dirty filters restrict airflow, which reduces efficiency.
- Schedule a system tune-up. To prepare your air conditioning system for the hot summer months and to prepare for your utility bills, schedule a spring tune-up. Regular professional maintenance on your air conditioner is important to keep it operating as it should. [Contact Action Air at 1-866-585-8981 to schedule your spring tune-up today.](https://www.actionairfishers.com)