

Your get-ready-for-summer guide

Give your home the attention it deserves with these summer maintenance tips. Annual to-dos that do a lot to keep your home safe and sound.

Check and clean septic tanks. Your showers, toilets, sink drains and washing machines send a lot of water (and sludge) their way.



Steam clean carpets and couches, where applicable. You'd be surprised how much dirt and grime gets tracked in.





Control the pests. Termites and carpenter ants are in season. Finding, preventing or eliminating an infestation may take some professional help.



Inspect your roof for leaks, loose shingles or broken tiles. Better yet, have a professional do it for you.



Touch up exterior paint (after a good cleaning). It'll look better and help keep the weather out.



Seal exterior cracks and stucco. They might not look like much, but even small cracks can lead to big problems down the road.



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