

MICHIGAN HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Spring Home Checklist to Maximize your Comfort, Safety, and Enjoyment

Date last completed

Item Name	Item Description	Contractor Contact and Notes	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3
Power Wash/ Clean Exterior	Power Wash and Clean exterior siding and soffits, siding, decks and rails and exterior light fixtures to remove dirt and mildew buildup over the winter months.				
Clean, Declutter, Organize	Dispose of unneeded and unused items to make your space function well for you - give away, throw out, or sell the items that you no longer need or use.				
Gutters, Downspouts, and Extensions	Make sure your gutters, downspouts and extensions are clean and clear and operating properly and allowing water to flow far away from your foundation.				
Exterior and Foundation	Check along the foundation to be sure there are no cracks or holes. Check to be sure there is a positive slope away from the house allowing water to drain away from the foundation.				
Heating and Cooling System	Schedule your spring HVAC tune-up before the weather heats up and companies get backlogged. Change filters monthly.				
Roof, soffits and flashings and eaves	Inspect your roof surface, flashing, eaves, and soffits. Occasionally check attic for proper ventilation and signs of mold.				
Sprinkler Systems and Hose Connections	Inspect sprinkler systems for leaky valves, exposed lines, and improperly working sprinkler heads. Check that faucets are working properly.				
Windows	Clean and lubricate window hardware, repair or replace damaged screens, replace fogged glass panels. Clean glass and sills.				
Doors and Locks	Lubricate and adjust all doors and locks to be sure they close and latch securely and easily. Check door seals for damage and air leaks, repair or replace as needed.				
Exterior Wood Trim	Check exterior wood trim for holes, cracks, and rot. Caulk to seal or replace trim to be sure that water pests and animals are sealed out.				
Concrete	Check Asphalt or concrete for cracks and settling. Check for uneven steps. Seal, caulk, mud jack or replace.				
Painting	Prepare and paint areas that are peeling or need freshening up.				
Yard Clean-up and Landscaping	Trim back vegetation and branches away from the house. Make sure untreated wood is not in contact with the ground. Add mulch to garden beds. Create a planting schedule.				
Tune-up Power Equipment	Check your gas and battery-powered lawn equipment to make sure it is ready for summer use. Clean equipment and sharp cutting blades will make yard work easier and safer.				

This list courtesy of Andy Piper, Piperpartners.com. 734-845-9700.

Please contact us for contractor or supplier referrals in the Ann Arbor, MI area.

Please independently verify that contractors and suppliers are qualified for the job at hand.

Follow all appropriate safety and health guidelines when working on your home.