

## Spring/Summer Home Care Tips

- Inspect ceramic tile countertops; re-seal grout as needed
- Inspect exterior paint, stain or siding, putty and caulking
- Inspect plumbing fixtures for signs of leakage
- Inspect shower and tub caulking; re-caulk as needed
- Lubricate door hinges with silicone spray
- Lubricate rollers and guides on garage door and opener
- Flush all yard drains and trim grass around inlets
- Check for ground settlement around foundation and fill where necessary
- Check that your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are powered – we suggest to change your batteries annually/as needed
- Check the foundation and
- Clean aerators on faucets and shower heads
- Prune shrubbery and add mulch to perennial flower beds
- Change direction ceiling fan rotation so air is blowing down during the warm months of the year
- Adjust sprinkler settings for new season
- HVAC system check
  - We recommend having an HVAC professional do a routine-check before the heat starts rising
  - Vacuum return and/or supply air vents if they are dirty
  - Replace the furnace filter. Make future replacements as needed or directed by the manufacturer
  - Reprogram your thermostat settings for Spring/Summer
  - If your thermostat uses batteries, now may be the time to replace them
- Fireplace maintenance
  - Have the chimney inspected and cleaned
  - Make sure to keep the damper closed and airtight to keep conditioned air from escaping your home
  - Since you won't be using it in this weather, close the gas line
- Check the roof
  - Replace loose shingles
  - Make sure the flashing around the chimney or vent pipes is watertight
  - Check the bricks and mortar and repair mortar if missing
  - Clean gutters and point downspout away from the house
  - Trim any tree limbs that are hanging over or touching the roof

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