



# PREPARING FOR SPRING

SPRING CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE TIPS TO GET YOUR HOME READY FOR THE NEW SEASON

## INTERIOR

- Inspect and change out HVAC filters.
- Clean kitchen sink disposal.
- Clean range hood filters.
- Inspect your fire extinguisher(s).
- Get your air conditioning system ready for summer; empty drain pans, check hose connections for leaks. Consider getting an HVAC technician to service your system biannually. This will help it run optimally year-round.
- Inspect your attic crawl spaces. Look for signs of vermin infestation. Contact a pest control professional if any concerns arise.
- Run water and flush toilets in unused spaces.
- Check water softener and add salt if needed.
- Test your water heater's pressure relief valve.
- Test smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries if necessary.
- Spring cleaning! Now is the time to give your house a deep clean.

## EXTERIOR

- Get your lawn ready for the warm temperatures. Clear your yard of any debris and aerate your lawn if needed (you might need a professional to do this.) Early spring is the best time to lay pre-emergent herbicide. This will prevent weeds from growing.
- Check exterior drainage.
- Clean out gutters.
- Inspect the exterior of your home. Look for soil erosion and add fill dirt/sod if needed.
- Inspect roof for damage, leaks and missing shingles.
- Inspect exterior walls including eaves for any cracks or holes where insects or critters could enter.
- Check seals around windows, caulk if necessary.
- Check for loose, warped or splintered boards on your deck/patio. Now is a good time to seal/stain if needed.
- If you stored your lawn furniture for the winter, bring it outdoors and give it a rinse or wash with a mild detergent.
- Go ahead and have a little fun! Plant seasonal flowers to add color to your landscape. Flowers that thrive in spring in North Texas are cosmos, marigolds, zinnias and pentas.

