

Seasonal To-Do List

SPRING

- Switch out summer and winter clothes. Store winter clothes in sealed containers to protect them from dust and moths
- Pull out summer sandals and shoes
- Make a list of what you need to look for at yard sales (include sizes and other important details)
- Clean and store winter gear (coats, boots, sleds, shovels, snow blowers, etc.)
- Add any winter clothes that need repairs to your mending pile
- Air out feather beds, pillows, duvets and comforters on a sunny day
- Wash mattress pads, dust ruffles, comforters and pillows
- Vacuum mattresses. Flip/rotate if necessary.
- Swap out winter bedding with summer
- Inspect interior and exterior of house for damage, and schedule repairs
- Make sure there are no openings in the exterior of the house for birds, rodents or insects to get into. Cover all vents with screen. Cap chimney (if it isn't already)
- Touch up exterior paint, as needed
- Clean off porches, decks and patios, and get them set up for the season. Store any covers; touch up outdoor furniture as needed
- Wash windows. Remove, clean and store storm windows. Reinstall screens
- Inspect yard for signs of pest problems – ants, bees, wasps, Japanese beetles, etc.
- Inspect outdoor play equipment, and address any safety issues
- Inspect deck for loose railings, raised nails, rot and other safety hazards. Repair as needed

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- Schedule septic tank inspection (if applicable)
- Air up bike tires and balls
- Order/pick up mulch for garden beds
- Plant spring vegetable garden
- Plant summer vegetable garden (after last frost date)
- Keep new transplants watered
- Fertilize houseplants
- Freeze some of spring harvest to enjoy later in the year
- Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs after their blooms fade
- Tighten and restring clotheslines as needed
- Get lawnmower ready for another season
- Tackle weeds as soon as they start coming up
- Turn outdoor spigots back on
- Turn off heat lamp in well house; turn spigot back on (if applicable)
- Prep grill for another season (clean, touch up the paint, stock up on charcoal/propane, etc.)
- Test/service HVAC system ahead of hot weather
- Reinstall window AC units (if applicable)
- Install new batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; vacuum; and test
- Check fire extinguishers
- Vacuum refrigerator coils

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- Put a fresh box of baking soda in the fridge
- Replace water filters – both faucet and refrigerator (if applicable)
- Replace burned out light bulbs, inside and out
- Scrub out trash cans and recycling bins
- Defrost and clean freezer
- Drain sediment from hot water heater
- Check tire tread and pressure
- Check windshield wipers. Replace, if necessary
- Top off coolant
- Clean car(s) inside and out. Wax car(s)
- Restock sunscreen and bug spray
- Check dates on Benadryl, Epi-Pens and other allergy-related supplies. Restock as needed
- Restock first aid supplies
- Restock winter supplies during the after-winter sales
- Plan and budget for your summer vacation
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