

Protect Your Home and Investment

An Exterior Home Maintenance Checklist

- Clean out the gutters. While you are up there, check to see if any other maintenance is required (rust, holes, loose attachments to house, etc).
- Clean and reseal exterior woodwork. Prolong the life of the woodwork on your home, as well as any wood decks, fences, screened in porches, play equipment and other outdoor structures, by painting or resealing them every few years. Inspect the caulking and replace it if needed. When was the last time you sealed your decks or painted your home? Is it time?
- Remove dead leaves and debris from the AC Condenser.
- Check exterior drainage. Look for leaves or vegetation and clear any debris to make sure water flows freely and is not standing.
- Wash the windows. Why not? Clean windows are nice. Use warm water and soap to get those windows sparkling. Clean the screens too!
- Check door and window screens. Avoid having insects enter your home by examining and repairing any holes or tears in your screens. Repair kits can be found at most hardware or home improvement stores.
- Check your irrigation system and replace any broken heads as necessary.
- Inspect your house exterior for loose or rotted siding.
- Consider having your driveway and walkways pressure washed.
- Repair cracks or holes in your driveway and front steps.
- Check brick tuckpointing. Also inspect foundation for cracks or leaks. Foundation cracks can create an entry point for groundwater, insects and radon gas.
- Oil garage-door opener and chain, garage door, and all door hinges.

