



## Post-Winter Home Maintenance Checklist

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Once winter finally lets go of its icy grip (*yes, we're talking to you, mid-April flurries*), it's time to show your home some love! Here is our quick, but thorough checklist to protect your biggest investment.

# Post-Winter Home Maintenance Checklist

## Scan the Attic



- Look for signs of water intrusion or critter squatters
- Insulation should be dry and fluffy — matted or moist means trouble.

## Exterior + Roof Check



- Check for loose, missing or curling shingles
- Inspect flashing around chimneys, vents and skylights
- Look for stains on soffits or siding (signs of roof leaks or ice dams)
- Check gutters haven't pulled away from the roof
- Check chimney masonry for cracks or shifting
- Look for cracks in the foundation, walkways, and brickwork — especially important for older Toronto homes

## Gutters + Drainage



- Clear out gutters and downspouts of debris and ice residue
- Make sure downspouts direct water away from the foundation
- Look for sagging eavestroughs or separated joints
- Confirm no standing water or poor grading near the house

## Windows + Doors



- Inspect and re-seal caulking or weatherstripping
- Check for drafts or condensation between windowpanes
- Make sure window wells are clear and draining
- Look over screens for damage before reinstalling

## Systems + Safety



- Check basement walls for dampness, smells or salt stains
- Pour a bucket of water into your sump pit and make sure the pump kicks in
- Schedule an HVAC check-up before the first heat wave
- Replace your furnace filter
- Clean out dryer and bathroom vents
- Make sure exterior lights and outlets are working (reset GFCI if needed)
- Test smoke and CO detectors, check your fire extinguisher
- Refresh your emergency kit (flashlights, batteries, power bank)

## Yard, Walkways + Outdoor Structures



- Sweep away salt buildup and debris from porches, stairs, and walkways
- Look for loose boards, nails, or railings on decks or porches
- Inspect for wood rot on stairs, fences, exterior trim
- Confirm fences and gates are straight, secure, and not leaning
- Ensure pavers are level, and no steps or stones are tripping hazards
- Trim broken tree limbs, especially near the roof
- Remove dead plants and winter debris

## Outdoor Plumbing



- Turn on exterior taps slowly, check for leaks or cracks
- Inspect hose bibs and irrigation lines
- Check water flow and confirm no hidden pipe damage

## Prioritize These First



- Any signs of roof or siding damage
- Water pooling or drainage issues
- Loose railings, stairs or walkways
- Foundation cracks or bulging