

# Spring is in the Air



When the weather gets warmer, and the flowers start to bloom, it's time for homeowners to roll up their sleeves and tackle some important spring maintenance tasks. Spring cleaning isn't necessarily a new idea, but for your home, seasonal maintenance is a must. None of the tasks on our to-do list below is too daunting, but don't worry if you're intimidated. Read on to learn the best approach for completing these chores and keeping your home looking great all season long.

## TOP 10 MUST DOs

- ☐ Have AC and heating systems serviced by a professional. **Time: 1 hour Cost: \$80**
- ☐ Clear away all leaves and debris from the AC condenser unit. **Time: 15 min. Cost: FREE**
- ☐ Clean all rain gutters and downspouts; make repairs, if needed. **Time: 1 hour Cost: FREE**
- ☐ Clean debris off roof. Check for loose or damaged roof shingles or flashing. Repair, if needed. **Time: 30 min. Cost: FREE**
- ☐ Clean and repair window screens. Clean tracks and lubricate. **Time: 2 hours (more for repairs) Cost: \$10 (if repairs are needed)**
- ☐ Clean lint from the clothes dryer's exhaust pipe. **Time: 30 min. Cost: \$10 for vent brush**
- ☐ Lubricate all exterior hinges, gates, garage door tracks, and locks. **Time: 30 min. Cost: \$10**
- ☐ Sharpen all garden tools and inspect condition of your wheelbarrow. **Time: 30 min. Cost: \$10**
- ☐ Prepare all flowerbeds and plants. **Time: 2 hours Cost: varies**
- ☐ Reverse ceiling fans to counterclockwise direction to blow air down. **Time: 15 min. Cost: FREE**

**TOTAL TIME: 8½ hours COST: \$120**

## IF TIME & BUDGET ALLOW

- ☐ Pressure wash decks, fences, siding and driveways.
- ☐ Add additional insulation to the attic.
- ☐ Organize at least one closet in your home.
- ☐ Dust lampshades and ceiling fan blades.
- ☐ Aerate and fertilize the lawn.
- ☐ Reseed all bare spots on lawn.

**TOTAL TIME: 17 hours COST: \$525**

## A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA

- ☐ Flip mattresses.
- ☐ Paint the mailbox and inspect the mailbox post.
- ☐ Reorganize all DVDs, CDs, and video games.
- ☐ Take all indoor plants outside and clean.
- ☐ Test sump pump by pouring a bucket of water to activate.

**TOTAL TIME: 6 hours COST: \$15**

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