

# 10 SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS

As the warmth of spring approaches, it's easy to forget the damage that harsh winter weather may have done to your house. A bit of spring maintenance now can prevent costly repair bills later. Review these 10 tips for spring maintenance to avoid any unwelcome surprises.

## **Inspect your roof.**

Repair any damage caused by ice or wind damage to prevent leaks during spring storms.

## **Clean your gutters.**

Regularly check and clear debris from your gutters and drainpipes. This will prevent water from overflowing and reduce the risk of water damage.

## **Check your smoke detectors.**

Change the batteries in your smoke detectors and check they are working correctly.

## **Stop leaks.**

Check the seals around your windows and doors for cracking or hardening caulk.

## **Beware of trees.**

Visually inspect trees for damage or rot. Remove dead or unhealthy trees, which could fall in heavy winds.

## **Maintain outdoor fencing.**

Repair or replace any damaged fence panels or posts and use a stiff brush to scrub away dirt, grime and mildew.

## **Inspect wires.**

Check for damaged wires, loose sockets or cracked plugs. Make sure that plug sockets are not overloaded.

## **Prevent water damage.**

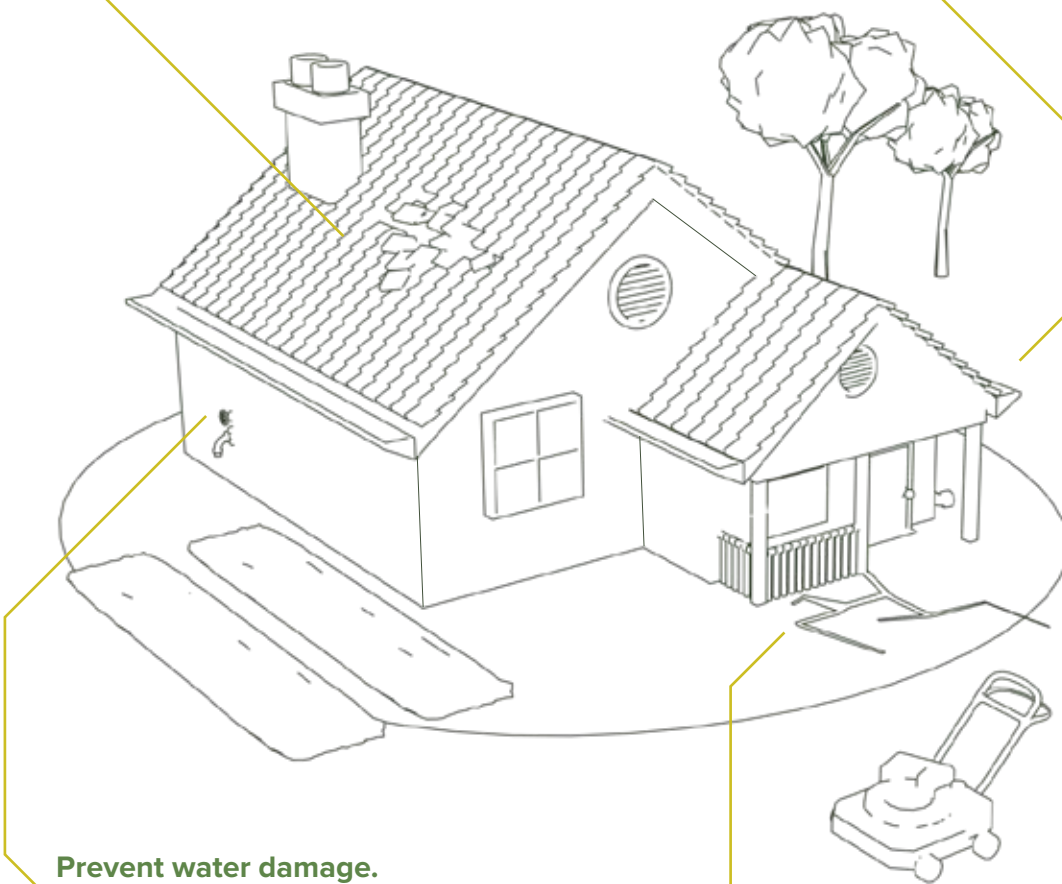
Check connecting pipes and hoses on all water appliances (eg dish-washers, sinks and toilets) for cracks, leaks or dampness.

## **Repair cracks**

Create a safer walking and driving area by fixing cracks in the driveway.

## **Service the lawn mower.**

Change the oil on your lawn mower and sharpen the blades.



Contact us today for more information on seasonal home maintenance.