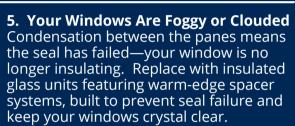
## SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

**WARNING SIGNS & SOLUTIONS** 

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- **2. Windows Won't Open or Close Properly** Sticky sashes or misaligned movement often point to warped frames or failed hardware. Choose windows with a stainless steel constant force balance system and reinforced frame design for smooth, reliable operation that lasts.
- **3. Locks Are Loose or Not Working**Broken or loose locks compromise security and let in drafts, reducing comfort and efficiency. Opt for windows with an interlocking sash system and reinforced meeting rails for a tight, secure seal and built-in protection.
- **4. You Feel Drafts Around the Window** Air leaks from weathered seals or poor installation drive up your energy bills and make rooms uncomfortable. Get windows with triple weatherstripping, foam-insulated frames, and precision installation to eliminate drafts and keep energy costs down.





Peeling paint, rot, and constant repainting are signs it's time to move on from wood. Upgrade to maintenance-free vinyl windows with color-stable frames that never peel, chip, or need repainting—just rinse and go.

- 7. There Are Signs of Termite Damage Holes, warped frames, and crumbling wood are all signs insects are feasting on your windows. Replace with insect-resistant composite or vinyl window frames that can't be chewed, cracked, or hollowed out.
- **8. Your Energy Bills Keep Going Up**Outdated windows allow heat and AC to escape—costing you every month.
  Install windows with foam-insulated frames, low-E glass, and reinforced air seals that exceed ENERGY STAR® 7.0 standards and cut energy use by up to 30%.

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