



TOP SUMMER TIPS

# SUMMER HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

## WARNING SIGNS & SOLUTIONS

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### 1. Inspect Roof For Spring Damage:

Missing shingles, cracked flashing, or leaks can lead to mold, structural issues, and costly interior repairs. Asphalt and metal roofing options provide long-term protection against New England weather.

### 2. Check Attic For Hidden Roof Leaks:

Water stains, mold, or damp insulation point to roof damage. Early detection protects your home's structure and energy efficiency.

### 3. Look for Signs of Pest Damage:

Termites target rotting siding and leaky windows. Fiber cement and vinyl siding help prevent infestations and costly repairs.

**4. Upgrade Windows:** Replace deteriorating frames and windows for energy efficiency and comfort.

**5. Clean & Examine Doors:** Fix squeaky hinges, drafts, or worn hardware to boost security and efficiency. Fiberglass doors resist rot and harsh weather.

**6. Check Siding:** Loose, faded, warped, or bubbled siding allows in moisture—leading to mold, rot, and energy loss. Vinyl & James Hardie® siding offers unmatched durability for coastal climates.

**7. Inspect Old Windows:** Sticky sashes, condensation, or wood rot mean your windows are underperforming. ENERGY STAR® windows can lower energy bills by up to 30% and boost year-round comfort.

**8. Check Gutters and Roof Edges:** Clogged gutters cause siding rot and foundation damage, while granule loss signals aging shingles. Upgrade to seamless gutters and consider asphalt or metal roofing for long-term protection.

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