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SUMMER CHECKLIST

✓Talk a walk through each room of your home and inspect the ceilings for signs of water damage. Look for rings with a shadow on the upper walls and ceilings that indicate a leak or excess humidity. Now is the time to have your roof inspected and any problems corrected.

✓Wash and repair windows this month. Look for cracked and missing caulking around doors and windows. Have the weatherstripping repaired now and save on cooling as well as heating bills.

✓Prolong the life of your asphalt drive-way by having it sealed this summer.

✓If you have a crawlspace, open the vents to allow fresh air to circulate.

✓Do a visual check of your home's exterior looking for loose bricks, crumbling mortar, deteriorating tuckpointing, cracks in the concrete foundation, and warped or damaged aluminum or vinyl siding.

WEST NILE VIRUS

Protecting your home from the mosquito threat

Mosquitoes have always been a pesky fact of life during the summer months. But with the return of the West Nile Virus in the Metro area, homeowners need to take steps to protect themselves from mosquito bites this summer.

Here are some mosquito facts from the City of Toronto that will help homeowners make their yards mosquito-free zones:

- Mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn, so take precautions when you go outdoors during this time: wear light-coloured, densely-woven clothing, including long sleeves and long pants and use a mosquito repellent that contains 10 per cent DEET for 3 hours of protection.

Keep your yard clean

- Remove discarded tires and clean up junk piles that collect water
- Empty your rain barrel at least once a week and cover the opening with a fine mesh
- Clear leaves, twigs and debris from eaves, storm and roof gutters throughout the summer
- Make sure drainage ditches are not clogged

Maintain yards

- Fill in low depressions in lawn area
- Install screens over catch basins
- Mulch leaves and other organic debris



- Turn over compost frequently

Inspect swimming or wading pools and ponds

- Remove water that collects on pool covers
- Use a pump in all water features (pools, wading pools and ponds) to keep water moving;
- Turn over wading pools after each use;

Help your A/C keep its cool

Central air conditioning makes your home a cool sanctuary as the temperature soars outside. But keeping the system humming takes regular maintenance. Systems that are not properly maintained work less efficiently, costing you money down the road in increased energy costs and repair bills.

The cooling experts at Homeservice Club suggest homeowners can do their part to keep the central air system working efficiently, but some jobs are best left to the professionals.

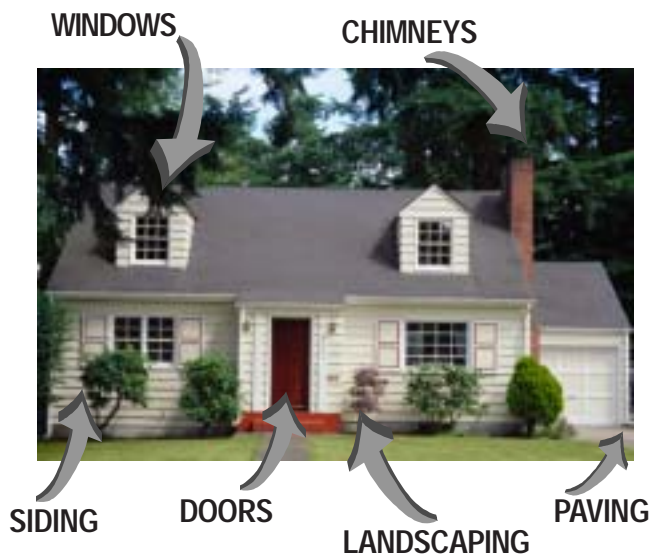
Here are some of the simple maintenance tasks that homeowners can do:

- Clean or replace filters (depending on your system) at least once a month.
- Periodically check the area outside around the condensing unit. Ensure proper airflow by keeping the area free of

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Precautions take the sting out of West Nile Virus threat

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Eliminate stagnate water

- Check for standing water in your yard after every rainfall, after watering the garden or washing the car.
- Check flat roofs and pool covers regularly for standing water.
- Remove standing water from roof gutters, wheelbarrows, flowerpots, buckets, garbage cans, pool covers, barbecues, etc.
- Change the water in bird baths at least twice a week.
- Drill holes in the bottom of outdoor containers (recycling bins, garbage cans) to allow water to drain out.



Fix faucets and hoses

- Repair any leaks to faucets and hoses.
- Prevent water from pooling around downspouts and air-conditioners.

Repair window screens and screen doors

- Check screens on windows and doors and repair any holes.

For more information on West Nile Virus, visit the City of Toronto health department online at www.toronto.ca/health.

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Keep your A/C humming

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debris. Trim back shrubbery so there is at least a couple of feet between it and the unit.

Homeservice Club recommends that central air conditioning systems should be inspected by a trained technician at least once a season. The inspection should include:

- Checking that the pressure in the refrigeration circuit is at the proper level.
- Cleaning outdoor condenser coils and checking the evaporator and condenser coils.
- Checking supply and return air ducts for leaks which could waste a considerable amount of energy.



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Deck-oring ideas to beautify your **OUTDOOR** living space

Decks offer a beautiful transition from your home's interior to the outdoors. Make your outdoor space the focal point of your backyard with these easy "deck-oring" ideas:

- Take advantage of the new generation of outdoor furniture to add pizzaz to your space. Baker's racks, plastic wicker coffee tables, couches and chairs, and tea wagons are just a few of the furniture pieces that can add charm and functionality to your deck or patio.
- Add year-round architectural interest by installing built-in planters and seating areas to your deck.
- Add an awning or a covered trellis structure to protect you from the elements on rainy days. Or increase your deck space by adding another level to an existing deck.
- Lighting is crucial to both the ambiance and the safety of your deck or patio. Small floor lights that are flush with the deck surface offer gentle safety lighting on the deck's perimeter and stairs. Downlights can be installed on railings to illuminate stairs or to highlight a special feature.

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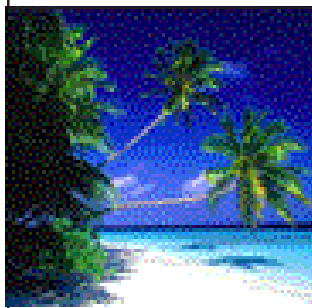
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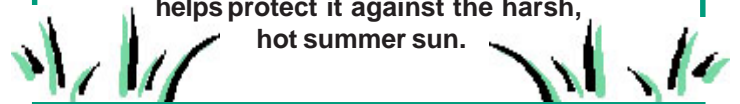
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Did you Know...?

According to the lawn experts at Scotts, the best time to water your lawn is between the hours of 6 and 10 a.m. However, if this is not possible, afternoon waterings are okay. Lawn diseases are more apt to be a problem when the sun is absent, so avoid evening waterings. Contrary to popular belief, watering the lawn during daylight hours does not cause the grass to burn. In fact, the water cools the lawn and helps protect it against the harsh, hot summer sun.



Security systems make homeowners feel safer

(NC) Recent polls show that 50 percent of Canadians feel less safe than they did five years ago.

- In almost half of all completed residential burglaries, thieves simply entered through unlocked doors or crawled through unlocked windows.
- Homes without security systems are about 3 times more likely to be broken into than homes with security systems.
- Losses due to burglary average \$400 less in residences with security systems.
- 90 percent of police believe alarms deter burglary attempts. (STAT Resources, Inc.)
- 90 percent of convicted burglars agree they'd avoid a house protected by an alarm system.
- Many insurance companies offer discounts (up to 38%) when a residence is protected by a security system that is connected to a ULC-approved monitoring station.

Source: (Simon Hakim, Temple University), Statistics Canada

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