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In addition to hundreds of home repair services, the combined buying power of 50,000+ homeowners means Club members also enjoy special group savings on everything from home and auto insurance, home heating oil, home appliance and heating/cooling warranty plans and much more.

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From roofing to waterproofing, with 24/7 Emergency service at regular rates and every project is backed our Double Guarantee.

April

Save \$25
Spring Yard Cleanup

minimum \$250
valid April 1.19 - May 15.19*

Save \$10
Eaves Cleaning

minimum \$125
valid April 1.19 - May 15.19*

Save \$25
Duct Cleaning

minimum \$250
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Save \$10
Chimney Cleaning

minimum \$125
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May

Save \$175
Window Replacement

minimum \$2000
valid May 1.19 - June 15.19*

Save \$10
A/C Tune-Up

regular price \$99
valid May 1.19 - June 15.19*

Save \$175
A/C Installation

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valid May 1.19 - June 15.19*

Save \$20
Pest Control**

minimum \$145
valid May 1.19 - June 15.19*

June

Save \$195
Wooden or Composite Decks

minimum \$2500
valid June 1.19 - July 15.19*

Save \$195
Landscaping

minimum \$2500
valid June 1.19 - July 15.19*

Save \$195
Fencing

minimum \$2500
valid June 1.19 - July 15.19*

Save \$175
Exterior Painting

minimum \$2000
valid June 1.19 - July 15.19*

* All work must be done by Homeservice-authorized contractors. These coupons have no cash value. One coupon per job, per member. Not valid with any other offers or coupons. All orders must be placed and accepted within the specified time frame to qualify for the discount

**Seasonal structural spraying for outdoor insects (ants, centipedes, sow bugs etc.)

STAYING ON TOP OF CHORES SAVES REPAIR COSTS LATER

Preventive Maintenance When things start to leak, crack, or make funny noises, it's your job as a fine upstanding adult to figure out how to fix them, or at least who to call. However, a large part of responsible home ownership is checking on things before they go...kerfloey.

Planned maintenance is the process of making sure that all of your home systems are operating at peak efficiency at all times. This may necessitate periodic inspections, cleaning, lubricating and minor adjustments.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE

In the short term, this means minor problems should be detected and solved before they become major problems. And in the long term, preventive maintenance helps you get the most from your investment for longer.

THE TIME FOR BREAKDOWN REPAIR IS LONG GONE

Think about your car; most people don't wait until it breaks down before getting it serviced. Instead, they book it in for a service every 10,000 kilometres or so. The same approach should apply to your home. And yet, some homeowners wait until their basement is full of water before doing anything about it.

On the surface, you might think that breakdown repair has the edge. After all, you only need to budget for the one-time expense of labour and materials, right? Wrong. The cost of breakdown repair extends far beyond the cost of labour and materials. Because a breakdown is never planned, it can impact your day to day life for an undetermined period as well as affect other systems in your home. For this reason the true cost of equipment breakdown has been estimated to be as high as 4 to 15 times the cost of regular maintenance by industry experts.



TAKE A LOOK INSIDE



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Worry-Free

Emergencies are never fun, do you know what to do if one arises? to



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Seasonal Pruning

Trees near powerlines are your responsibility as a homeowner.



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Heating & Cooling

CAC keeps you cool and comfortable - is your system summer ready?

SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Schedule Your Inspection

We appreciate how uncomfortable it is to be without air conditioning during a sweltering heatwave. Our fully licensed contractors can help prevent this from happening, and make sure your air conditioning unit is operating well all summer, by carrying out a detailed inspection and tune-up of your air conditioner.



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 “Al arrived on time and was courteous, professional and extremely knowledgeable. Not only did he find the cause of our A/C problem, he had the necessary parts on hand and fixed it quickly. He also took the time to answer all of our questions. We will definitely call on his services again!”
 - RG member #53973



Rest easy, knowing that all Homeservice Club authorized contractors are licensed, bonded and insured with all work protected by our exclusive **Double Guarantee!**



Tip

WORRY-FREE APPLIANCE & HOME PLANS

There's No Place Like Home

It's where you relax and feel comfortable after a busy day. Our Worry-Free Warranty Plans can help maintain that comfort and bring you peace of mind – helping you save on unexpected repair costs while making sure that your furnace, air conditioning and appliances run smoothly.

In addition to providing parts and labour coverage for breakdowns to your home's most essential systems, and avoiding emergency service charges, grant yourself the gift of relaxation when you spare yourself the uncertainty of who to call or what to do.

www.HomeserviceClub.com/Low-Cost-Home-Warranty-Plans

SHOPPING FOR COMFORT

THINGS TO CONSIDER: AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS

Homeowners depend on air conditioning to help them keep their homes cool and comfortable during the sticky days of summer. If you are considering installing or upgrading your home's air conditioning system here are some things to consider to help keep your system running its best and save energy at the same time.

Size Matters

Whether you are installing a central air conditioning (CAC) system or shopping for a portable unit, make sure the unit is sized for your home. It is more energy efficient to have a properly sized system than a larger unit that is not working to its full potential. Similarly, a portable unit rated higher than you need may lower the temperature more quickly, but it will leave you cold and clammy, since it will not stay on long enough to rid the room of excess humidity.

Dollars and Sense

When shopping for air conditioners, keep in mind that while a less energy-efficient unit will cost you less to purchase, it will end up costing more to operate. Ask about the unit's SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating). SEERs measure how efficiently a cooling unit will operate over a season; the higher the rating, the more efficient the unit. Have your central air system serviced annually by a qualified HVAC specialist to keep them in top form.

Location, Location, Location

Location is critical to the operating efficiency of both portable and central air conditioning units. Place window units on the north or shady side of the house. Locate outside compressors in a shaded area to save up to 5% more energy. To further reduce strain on your system, use portable fans and ceiling fans inside your home. Use the kitchen vent to exhaust heated air directly outside, and consider installing an attic fan to reduce the temperature in this space and the burden on your CAC system.

Layer Up

A well-insulated home can ease the load on both your heating and cooling systems. Caulk and weather strip doors and windows, and keep drapes drawn and windows closed to reduce heat loss. In addition, consider upgrading to thermal windows with low-emissivity glass.

Whether you're looking to maximize storage space, de-clutter, or add some character your home, these easy renovation projects can help you create the home you want this spring.

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WEEKEND PROJECTS

TRIM WORK

Install bead board to lend a traditional touch to kitchens and bathrooms. For a modern take, try wider plank paneling.

LOOK UP

While you're at it - why not give your ceiling a little eye-candy? Ceiling medallions are available in all shapes, sizes, and styles. Placing one around a fan or light fixture is a great way to add architectural flair overhead.

AND WHILE YOU'RE THERE

Living room, dining room, great-room: Any common area looks better with the finishing, defining touch of crown molding.

RECHARGE AND REORDER

Simplify your life. Upgrade your outlets and eliminate the need for USB adapters for charging devices like tablets, smartphones and portable music players.

INSTALL A NEW FAUCET

Inject elegance into your daily life with a faucet that ups the ante in looks and quality. Just make sure the configuration matches your existing sink - unless it's time to replace that too.

TURN IT UP

Dress up an eating area with a fresh light fixture. Replacing an existing one is your easiest option, but consider adding additional task lighting under cabinets or above your work areas.

BRING IT BACK NOW

Dimmer switches quickly give your dining room the atmosphere of a swanky restaurant. You can use standard incandescent bulbs, but if you prefer fluorescent light, look for special dimmable bulbs.

REDO YOUR BACKSPLASH

Tired of a dull kitchen? Transform the mood of the entire room with a bold new backsplash in ceramic or glass tile.

PUT YOUR BEST FACE FORWARD

Did you know that replacing your front door can provide significant savings in terms of heating and cooling costs? Consider installing steel or fibreglass for a healthy return on investment

SAFE AND SECURE

In addition to improving the security of your fortress, a home security system can also decrease the cost of your home insurance. Install one over the weekend for guaranteed peace of mind.



FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Most homeowners can attest to the old adage that good fences make good neighbours, but what makes a good fence? You don't buy a fence very often, but when you do, you want it to look great and last for many years. If you don't know what to look for, you could end up paying more for an inferior product that won't stand the test of time.

PRIVACY? SECURITY? PROPERTY DEFINITION?



Tip

Tree Pruning and Power Outages

Your hydro company works hard to keep trees away from their primary power lines along public roadways. It's your job as the customer, however, to ensure that the trees on your private property are maintained around power lines coming from the road to your home or business.

This is a dangerous task that requires specific planning and expertise to perform safely. If you require tree trimming on your property near your power lines:

- Call Homeservice Club today to hire a licensed arborist.

- It may be necessary to contact your hydro company to temporarily disconnect the electrical supply to your property prior to performing the work.

- Consider function when choosing fencing material; what do you need your fence to accomplish for you?

- Before you start, make sure you know where the property line lies. If you are not sure, having the property surveyed might be necessary. The fence should be built on your side of the boundary.

- Choose materials and a design that compliments your home and the neighbourhood. For suburban charm, variations on the traditional picket fence design always work while you can achieve a country look with a rail design.

- Cedar and pressure treated fences, by far today's most popular choices, offer privacy with good looks, while chain link fencing is best used for practical applications only.

- Consider new fencing material alternatives such as vinyl and plastic. While most of these options are designed to look like wood, there are now fabricated materials also made to look like stone.