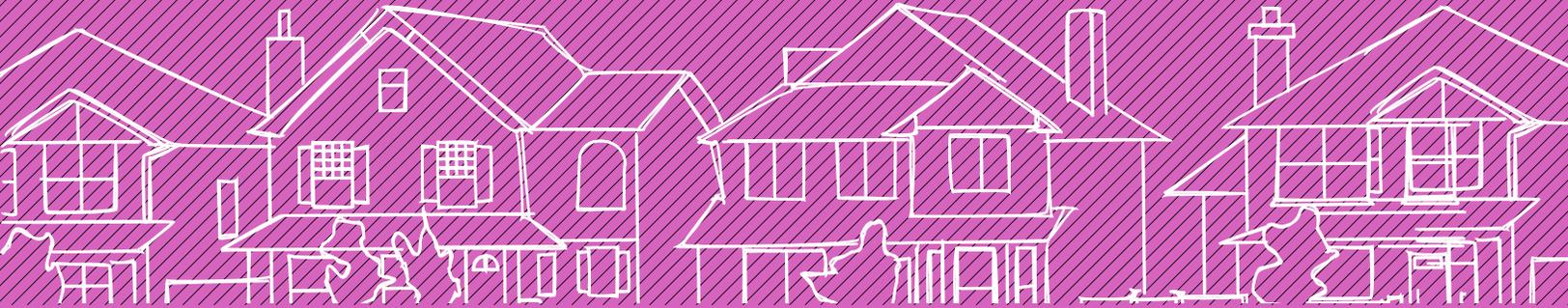


HOMESERVICE CLUB

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STORM WATCH: SUMMER

For many, summer is the most anticipated season of the year. Who isn't looking forward to warm, lazy afternoons, swimming, camping, catching fireflies in the backyard, enjoying your vegetable garden, and seeing nature in full bloom? But will summer weather cooperate?

According to the 2021 Canadian Farmers' Almanac, summer is shaping up to be stormy with a greater-than-normal number of thunderstorms, many of which are expected to fall into the categories of strong-to-severe. Our extended summer forecast also calls for above-normal summer temperatures especially in the East. The Farmers' Almanac also predicts that summer's heat will build and arrive later than normal, peaking in late August to early September.



45% OF HOMEOWNERS HAVE EXPERIENCED WEATHER RELATED DAMAGE TO THEIR HOMES AT AN AVERAGE COST OF \$3497 PER YEAR!*

Your roof and gutters will often take the brunt of a storm's power. After a storm, check out roof shingles by walking slowly around your home and inspecting from the ground to look for lifting or missing shingles around the edges, valleys, plumbing and furnace vent pipes and the chimney. You should also check for obvious signs of failing eaves such as disconnected downspouts, overflowing or sagging sections, or water in your basement or anywhere else it isn't supposed to be. You should also check any outside structures (decks or fencing) for safety concerns after a storm. Check for damaged boards and splinters, especially along handrails and steps.

According to a survey conducted by Owens Corning, fifty-one percent of those who have had an issue in their house say weather was the catalyst that turned normal home maintenance into an emergency situation. Preparing in advance for seasonal weather is key to helping eliminate repairs that may arise.

*Owens Corning Roofing

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Vaccine rates are increasing but lockdown restrictions are still tight in many parts of the country.



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Decks and Fencing
- There's far more to consider than cost



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We're with you every step of the way!
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Our New Address is:

**4515 Chesswood Drive, Unit O
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Our phone numbers and email addresses remain the same, as do our website address and social media accounts. We look forward to continuing to serve your needs and work with you at our new location.

Feel free to contact us with any questions.

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“Always having my father, who is now deceased, at my beck and call has left a huge whole in the upkeep of my home. Mark arrived with the philosophy that “nothing is impossible”. I so appreciated his willingness to figure out every solution. I have an old home so things are rickety and reno jobs are usually challenging. Mark handled each challenge efficiently and productively. I will definitely use his services again.”

- L.T. Member #723630



Tip



IT'S NOT OVER TILL IT'S OVER

We're all tired of being home, and while we're starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel, lockdown restrictions are still tight in many parts of the country.

As medical experts will tell you, we're still far from the finish line.

For the most current information please consult:

www.PublicHealthOntario.ca

Our communities have been through a lot over the last year, and all of us are looking forward to resuming our normal habits and routines.

That being said, although infections have dropped, the Delta variant as well as others could cause a resurgence. Scientific evidence shows people with only one vaccine dose are less protected against this highly infectious variant, which is poised to become dominant in Peel this month.

If you start to experience symptoms or have questions or concerns about your health, call your local public health unit, primary care provider, or Telehealth Ontario at

1-866-797-0000

WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

STYLE FILES - POPULAR DECK AND FENCING MATERIALS

Environmental and sustainability factors are common considerations when selecting deck materials. Pressure-treated wood is now manufactured with chemicals that are less harmful than in previous years. Composites are made from wood fibres and recycled plastics. Vinyl can be recycled into new material. Novelty woods such as cedar, redwood, and tropical IPE can be purchased from suppliers that follow regulations supplied by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)*. If you aren't sure what the right choice is for your home, ask for one of our expert contractors.

FENCES

Wood

Natural yet elegant. The durability of these fences depends on the type of wood you choose and weather conditions. The biggest disadvantage to wooden fences is the amount of maintenance required (repeated re-staining and/or painting).

Chain Link

Also known as hurricane fences by our neighbours to the south, these fences are ideal for high-level privacy and security. Available in different mesh sizes and wire thicknesses made of galvanized steel, a weather-resistant material, chain link fences are a strong and durable choice - even if they are less aesthetically appealing.

Wrought Iron

Flexible yet strong, durable, beautiful, and light in weight. These fences require regular maintenance and care to maintain their appearance but can be custom made to suit your home.

Vinyl

Water, scratch, mold, and rot resistant; these are the easiest to maintain. Available in several colours and styles, you can customize these fences to suit your home's style.

DECKS

Pressure Treated Lumber

This is the most common type of decking material. Pressure-treated lumber is light in weight, easy to install, and can survive up to 15 years with regular maintenance. It is, however, not entirely weather resistant and may split, crack, or warp over time.

Hardwoods

The toughest wood decking material, hardwoods are dense, heavy and incredibly durable. This may not be the best option for your space, as the material is expensive and can be more difficult to work with.

Composite

This decking material is created using a blend of plastic and waste wood fibers and can easily mimic the look of a wooden deck. Composite decks require little maintenance and will not splinter or split over their lifetime (20-25 years) if cared for properly.

Vinyl

Made of high-quality plastic polymers that may, in some cases, look cheap, vinyl decks are extremely easy to maintain and don't require any additional painting or staining over the years. Available in several colours, finishes, and textures, vinyl is highly customizable.

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REPAIRS YOU SHOULD'N'T DELAY

LEAKING FAUCETS

Leaking exterior faucets can spray water against your house or other structures which can lead to dry rot and leak into your home's walls. Make sure to check the main connections and the stem of the handle.

UNDER-SINK LEAKS

More kitchen and bathroom vanities are destroyed by under-sink leaks than any other reason. A bathroom vanity can cost well over \$500 and a kitchen into the several thousands. Consider this a high priority repair.

SLOPING SOIL

The first three to five feet of space around your home should slope away from your house. If soil slopes toward your house, water can potentially run up toward the house rather than draining away.

HVAC FILTERS

Your HVAC system has an air filter (maybe more than one). This may seem like common sense, but your air filters should be replaced every three months - more often if you have animals or other dust sources.

TRIMMING THE VERGE

You can avoid many rodent problems by keeping your trees and bushes trimmed back. The closer trees and bushes are to your home the more chances of mice, squirrels and other rodents possibly reaching your home.

EXTERIOR PAINTING

Maintaining the exterior paint on your home is more than cosmetic. If wooden elements of your home are left exposed, Canadian weather can lead to dry rot - resulting in the need to replace siding or other expensive repairs.

CLEAN YOUR EAVES

When water accumulates around your home, the foundation is put at risk, especially when clogged gutters mishandle the flow of rain water. This can weaken your home by slowly exposing the foundation until it cracks and begins to leak.

CLEAN YOUR FANS

Bathroom fans collect all kinds of lint, hair, and other dust that can cause them to work inefficiently. Yours probably hasn't been cleaned in a while - use a vacuum on the grill inside and out.

A SOLID FOUNDATION

Your home's foundation supports the entire weight of the house, so it's natural to be concerned if you ever discover cracks. Although larger cracks in the perimeter may turn out to be harmless, it's a good idea to have a pro inspect your foundation to check for structural problems.

SET THE TONE

While your house probably isn't haunted, flickering lights do mean that there is something wrong with your electrical system. Potentially too many appliances relying on a single circuit or a fault in the wiring. Best to have a master electrician check to be sure.



CURB APPEAL STARTS HERE

Is your driveway looking a little worse for wear? Exposed to daily pressures, your driveway surface works hard. Over time, exposure to the heavy weight of vehicles, the elements, erosion and oil leaks can degrade your surface material. Cracks, stains, potholes, failed drainage and age all contribute to a tired looking driveway that is likely to be affecting your curb appeal.

Cracks in the Surface - If your driveway has visible cracks, it's a sign the surface is failing and needs some attention to avoid bigger, more expensive issues occurring. When dealing with cracks greater than a quarter-inch, repairing

is simply a Band-Aid. Large cracks are a sign of significant issues as they allow water to seep in, even after a patch job, as further damage is caused by water freezing and thawing under the surface. In this scenario, replacing your driveway surface entirely is recommended.

Pooling Water - A well-designed driveway with a surface in good condition won't be affected much by water. However, if you're noticing rainwater pooling in areas or running down the middle of your driveway, you're likely to have drainage issues. Left unresolved, this can weaken the driveway surface in areas and contribute to an increase in cracking or even potholes.

Many driveway surfaces aren't designed to hold up under extreme pressures forever. Typically you'll need to replace an asphalt driveway after 20 years and a concrete drive after 25 years.

Beyond the condition of your driveway, many old driveways could do with an update just as a home benefits from renovations. Simply put, a tired looking driveway may simply not match the style of your newly renovated home.



Friendly Reminders

Make sure you always sign a Homeservice Club contract.

Cheques should be payable to Homeservice Club - not the individual contractor.

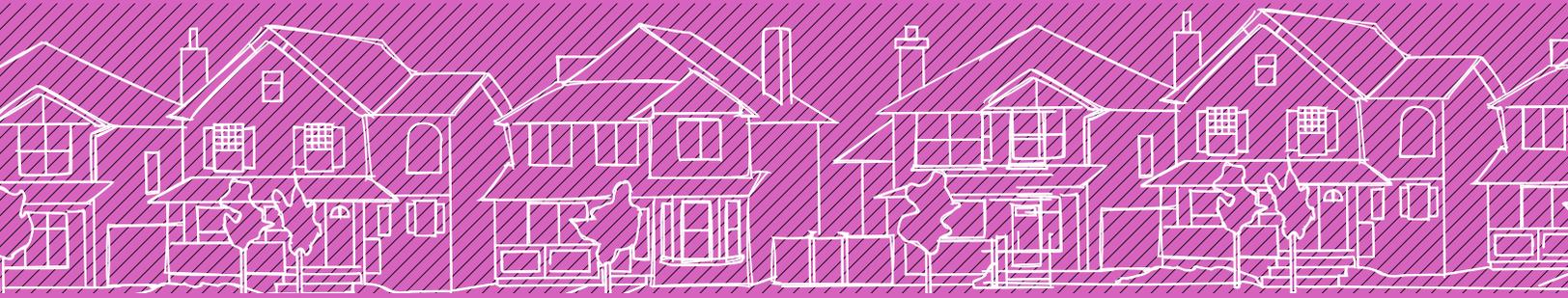
Do not give credit card information to the contractor, call the Club.

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Happy Summer!

Despite the necessary constraints we're still living with, we hope the next few months bring you the promise of change we experience every year. We are not back to normal quite yet, but we have cause to be optimistic, as long as we stay vigilant now.

-TheHomeserviceClub Team

Call Our Office

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