

# SUMMER HOME MAINTENANCE



**Make summer chores disappear. Complete the items from this checklist to assure your home is ready for summer!**

- ❑ Block the sun indoors by installing honeycomb weave window blinds and heat-reflecting, light colored curtains. Solar screens and window films can also help reflect sunlight.
- ❑ Adding window awnings outside will create shade and keep rooms cool while maintaining a great view.
- ❑ Change the direction of your ceiling fan blades to counter-clockwise to push air downward, which creates a cool breeze.
- ❑ Front doors can show wear after enduring weather year after year. Consider a new door, new hardware or a coat of paint to improve first impressions.
- ❑ While installing window screens, check for rips and tears. Replace damaged screens to keep bugs and debris outside.
- ❑ Sanding, staining and sealing your wood deck ensures this outdoor space is protected and looks great for entertaining guests during this season.
- ❑ Stay warm after the sun goes down with a portable fire pit. Also consider adding a permanent fireplace as a focal point for a large yard.
- ❑ Check home exterior for peeling paint and chipped siding. Replace if needed.
- ❑ If mosquitoes are bugging you, check gutters for damage or debris. Standing water in a gutter is a pest's paradise.
- ❑ Clear weeds, rocks, dirt and other debris from wood fences to prevent moisture from promoting wood rot. Clean vinyl or aluminum fences annually with a hose and mild soap.

Head over to the Mr. Handyman® blog to find more DIY tips and tricks for home maintenance. If you need help with home maintenance or expert advice, give Mr. Handyman a call at 877-674-2639. You may also request service online and a local Mr. Handyman team member will call you to discuss your project. That way, you'll have more time to enjoy the bright summer weather.

