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Summer Home Maintenance Checklist: Stay Ahead of Common Summer Issues



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FixHouz is your one-call solution in Metro West and Boston area for a wide range of home maintenance and repair needs. Our technicians are fully insured professionals. We arrive on time and with the right tools to complete the job right.





Smart homeowners know that routine maintenance isn't just another expense—it's a strategic investment in their property. By staying ahead of repairs, you prevent costly issues, protect your home's value, and enjoy greater peace of mind year-round.



Summer in the Northeast brings warm temperatures, high humidity, and frequent thunderstorms—conditions that can take a toll on your home if you're not prepared. A proactive maintenance routine not only protects your property from seasonal damage but also helps reduce long-term repair costs. This checklist is designed to help homeowners stay ahead of common summer challenges and keep their homes safe, efficient, and comfortable all season long.



1. Inspect and Clean Your Roof & Gutters

Winter storms and heavy snow can do a number on your roof, leading to loose shingles, leaks, or even damage to your gutters. A quick visual inspection can save you from costly repairs down the road. Here's what to do:

- ☐ LOOK FOR MISSING, CRACKED, OR CURLING SHINGLES.
- ☐ CHECK FOR SIGNS OF LEAKS IN THE ATTIC OR CEILING.
- ☐ CLEAN OUT GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS TO PREVENT BLOCKAGES AND WATER DAMAGE.
- ☐ ENSURE DOWNSPOUTS DIRECT WATER AWAY FROM YOUR FOUNDATION TO AVOID FLOODING ISSUES.



2. Service Your Cooling System

Humid Northeast summers strain cooling systems, reducing efficiency if they're not maintained. A clean and tuned system lowers energy costs and helps prevent unexpected breakdowns during peak heat.

- ☐ REPLACE OR CLEAN AIR FILTERS
- ☐ CLEAR DEBRIS AROUND EXTERIOR UNITS
- ☐ SCHEDULE A PROFESSIONAL TUNE-UP
- ☐ TEST THERMOSTAT FUNCTION



3. Check for Moisture & Humidity Issues

High summer humidity can cause mold growth, wood warping, and musty odors—especially in basements common across the Northeast. Identifying moisture early helps protect your home's air quality and structural integrity.

- ☐ USE DEHUMIDIFIERS IN BASEMENTS
- ☐ INSPECT FOR DAMP SPOTS OR WATER INTRUSION
- ☐ ENSURE EXHAUST FANS WORK PROPERLY
- ☐ LOOK FOR CONDENSATION ON WINDOWS AND PIPES



4. Maintain Outdoor Spaces

After months of winter freeze and spring thaw, wooden decks, patios, and fences often need attention. Summer maintenance protects outdoor structures from sun damage and keeps them safe and enjoyable for the season.

- ☐ CLEAN AND SEAL DECKS
- ☐ POWER-WASH PATIOS AND WALKWAYS
- ☐ INSPECT FENCES FOR ROT OR LOOSE BOARDS
- ☐ REFRESH OUTDOOR FURNITURE AND CUSHIONS



5. Service Your Outdoor Equipment

Before summer projects kick in, make sure all your outdoor equipment is in working order.

- ☐ TUNE-UP YOUR LAWNMOWER AND SHARPEN THE BLADES.
- ☐ CHECK YOUR GARDEN HOSES FOR LEAKS AND REPLACE AS NEEDED.
- ☐ CLEAN AND PREP OUTDOOR FURNITURE FOR BACKYARD GATHERINGS.
- ☐ INSPECT AND CLEAN YOUR GRILL FOR SUMMER BBQS.





6. Check Your Windows and Doors

Drafty windows and doors can let in heat and drive up your cooling costs in summer. Inspect them now for:

- ❑ CRACKED CAULKING OR WEATHER STRIPPING THAT NEEDS REPLACEMENT.
- ❑ DAMAGED SCREENS—REPAIR OR REPLACE AS NEEDED.
- ❑ CONDENSATION OR FOGGING BETWEEN DOUBLE-PANE WINDOWS (A SIGN OF SEAL FAILURE).
- ❑ FUNCTIONING LOCKS AND HANDLES FOR SECURITY.



7. Prepare Your Plumbing for Warmer Weather

Summer storms in the Northeast bring heavy rainfall that can overwhelm drainage systems.

Ensuring proper flow protects your yard, basement, and foundation from water intrusion and flooding.

- ☐ REMOVE PLANT OVERGROWTH NEAR DRAINAGE AREAS
- ☐ CLEAN OUT WINDOW WELLS
- ☐ ENSURE GRADING SLOPES AWAY FROM THE HOME
- ☐ CLEAR YARD DRAINS OF DEBRIS



6. Test and Repair Outdoor Fixtures

Outdoor lighting, decks, and fences take a beating during Metro West and Boston winters. Now's the time to check them:

- ❑ TEST ALL OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND REPLACE BULBS IF NECESSARY.
- ❑ POWER WASH YOUR DECK AND LOOK FOR LOOSE BOARDS OR NAILS.
- ❑ RESEAL OR STAIN YOUR DECK TO PROTECT IT FROM SUMMER SUN AND RAIN.
- ❑ CHECK FENCES AND GATES FOR LOOSE HINGES OR DAMAGE.



7. Pest Prevention

Warm weather attracts insects and rodents seeking food, water, and shelter—especially in older Northeast homes. Preventive steps reduce infestations and avoid costly damage from pests like carpenter ants and termites.

- ❑ SEAL EXTERIOR GAPS AND CRACKS
- ❑ REMOVE STANDING WATER AROUND THE YARD
- ❑ STORE FIREWOOD AWAY FROM THE HOUSE
- ❑ INSPECT FOR CARPENTER ANTS, TERMITES, AND WASPS



8. Test Safety Devices

Summer heat, electrical storms, and increased appliance use can raise the risk of electrical issues. Ensuring smoke detectors, CO alarms, and extinguishers are functional keeps your household safe during peak storm season.

- ☐ TEST SMOKE AND CO DETECTORS
- ☐ REPLACE BATTERIES AS NEEDED
- ☐ CHECK FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
- ☐ REVIEW YOUR EMERGENCY STORM KIT





Summer maintenance pays off

Taking the time to go through this summer home maintenance checklist will not only help keep your Metro West and Boston home in great condition, but it will also save you money on costly repairs in the long run. Whether you handle these tasks yourself or hire professionals, staying proactive ensures your home is safe, efficient, and ready for the warm months ahead. So grab your checklist and get started—summer is here!

By choosing **FixHouz Handyman Metro West**, you ensure that your summer check is handled expertly, efficiently, and ethically, with a focus on long-term sustainability and customer satisfaction. Call us today **617.444.3210** and let us take care of your spring maintenance needs so you can focus on enjoying your home without worry.



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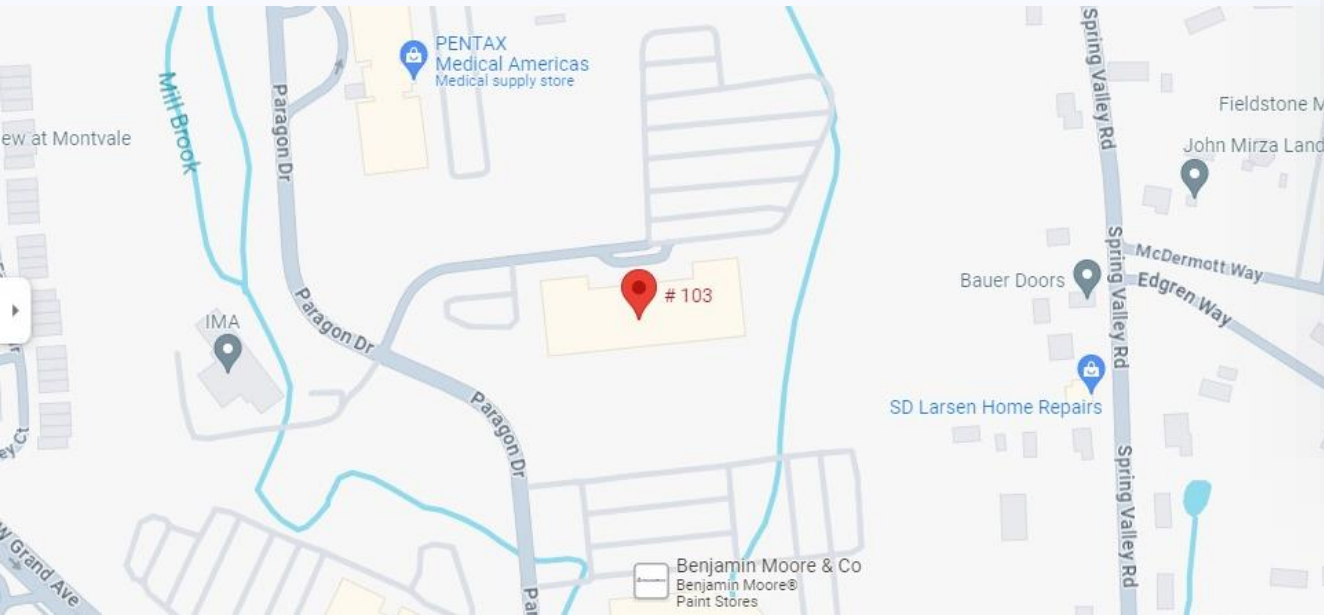
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