

Your Spring **Home Maintenance** *Checklist*

As the days get longer, so could the list of buyers in your neighborhood. Spring may be the most popular time to sell, but is your home ready? Complete these 15 maintenance tasks to stand out in a blooming market:

- Mow the lawn and reshape hedges.
- Maintain existing landscaping or plant something new.
- Wash and arrange outdoor furniture.
- Test in-ground sprinkler system.
- If needed, treat trees for illness and dying branches.
- Survey your home's exterior for broken shingles, leaks and general wear.
- Inspect the foundation for cracks.
- Power-wash grime from the exterior, including the driveway, porches and patios.
- Touch up any chipped paint inside and outside.
- Check for leaks in pipes and outdoor faucets.
- Treat or restain your wooden front porch and back deck.
- Remove mold, dampness and pests from the basement, garage and attic.
- Examine all windows for cracks and leaks.
- Replace air filters and prepare the HVAC unit for warmer weather.
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

