



SPRING cleaning checklist

Beware of Hazards

- CHECK EXTENSION CORDS**
Replace damaged electrical cords. Never run extension cords across doorways, under carpets, or where they can be stepped on or pinched. DO NOT plug extension cords into each other or plug more than one extension cord into an outlet.
- IN THE ATTIC AND CLOSETS**
Get rid of junk that can feed a fire. Old mattresses, boxes, linens, and papers are perfect places for a fire to start. Donate unwanted items or safely dispose of them.

Safety Equipment

- SMOKE ALARMS**
Test your smoke alarm now. You should test your smoke alarms monthly. Gently vacuum smoke alarms every six months to prevent nuisance alarms.
- SIGNAGE**
Street numbers should be posted properly and visible.
- DON'T FORGET ABOUT A FLASHLIGHT**
Check and make sure you have a working flashlight and battery-powered radio for emergencies.

Storing Flammable Liquids and Chemicals

- UNDER THE SINK**
Avoid storing cleaning material filled with chemicals under your sink. Clear out old products and dispose of them safely. Don't throw them in the trash or down the drain.
- MARKED AND OUT OF REACH**
Make sure gasoline and cleaning fluids are well marked and out of reach of children and pets. Store these items in cool, dry places outside the house.
- CLEAN UP**
Always clean work areas. Put dangerous tools, adhesives, matches or other work items away. Properly dispose of oily and greasy rags. If these items must be stored, they should be kept in labeled, sealed and metal containers.

Outside the Home

- AROUND THE PROPERTY**
Maintain the yard, trim bushes, plants and trees, and get rid of large weed. In the dry summer months, removing dried weeds and vegetation reduces the risk of a large grass fire.
- ON THE ROOF**
Keep trees, limbs, and the dead leaves at least 10 feet away from your home and chimney. Keep gutters and roofs clear of leaves and other build up.
- IN THE GARAGE OR SHED**
If you store gasoline, keep it outside your home in either a shed or detached garage. Keep only small quantities in tightly sealed containers. Remember, only use gasoline as a motor fuel, Never as a cleaning agent.



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