HomeAdvisor's Top 10 Spring Maintenance Tasks

- 1) Give Your Home a Good Spring Cleaning: Hiring a cleaning service to come into your home at least once a year keeps the grime and dust to a minimum. For around \$200 you can save yourself a weekend day and have a cleaning service give your home a solid floor to ceiling scrubbing.
- 2) <u>Clear Gutters & Downspouts</u>: Cleaning your gutters is something that should be done annually as part of regular home maintenance. While this can be a DIY project, hiring an expert can save you the headache of doing the job yourself and the risk of falling off a ladder!
- 3) <u>Duct & Vent Cleaning</u>: While it might not seem obvious, cleaning your ducts and vents benefits your home and your family's health. By removing debris from your ducts and vents, you improve the efficiency of your HVAC system, as well as remove possible allergens and even mold from your home.
- 4) <u>Get Your Carpets Cleaned</u>: Cleaning your carpets is something that should be done annually or even biannually, yet most homeowners only clean their carpets when they've been stained. To make sure the job is done thoroughly, we recommend hiring a pro.
- 5) <u>Prep Your Lawn for Play</u>: Whether you use your yard for outdoor entertaining, a place for the kids or pets to play, or for curb appeal, a well-manicured lawn is a valued part of any home. Clear out dead tree branches, fallen leaves and trim the lawn to get your front & back yard looking its best for the long summer days ahead.
- 6) Wash Your Windows: Cleaning your windows is a job that should optimally be done twice a year. Depending on the size of your home, cleaning all of your windows can end up becoming quite the production. While it's possible to do it yourself, buying the right supplies can end up the same as the cost of hiring a pro. Figure out what works best for your home and get those windows squeaky clean to let in the spring sun!
- 7) <u>Disinfect Grout & Tile</u>: Tile is a beautiful addition to any home and grouting your tile with matching or contrasting colors is a great way to add design and creativity to any tile floor or wall. Unless tile and grout are properly cleaned they can become stained and a breeding ground for bacteria. It's important to clean & disinfect these high trafficked portions of your home.
- 8) <u>Stay Cool</u>: There is nothing worse than having your air conditioner break just as the 90-degree heat hits. You can ensure your air conditioning stays in working order all year long by scheduling a your service before the temperatures rise.
- 9) <u>Weather-proof Your Home</u>: Adding weather stripping to your windows and doors is an effective and affordable way to help keep your home cool in the summer and warm in the winter.
- **10)** Power Wash the Winter Away: Power washing can be done on almost any surface and is a great way to keep things like your driveway, parking areas, decks and even your home exterior looking clean and new.