



## Spring Exterior Home Maintenance Checklist

A printable post-winter once-over for Connecticut homeowners

Spring is the perfect time to give your home a post-winter once-over. Winter can quietly loosen, crack, clog, and warp exterior components. Use this checklist to spot trouble early and know what deserves quick attention.

### Roof

<input type="checkbox"/> Missing, cracked, curled, or lifted shingles	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark streaks, moss, or algae growth
<input type="checkbox"/> Loose or damaged ridge caps	<input type="checkbox"/> Exposed nails or popped fasteners
<input type="checkbox"/> Sagging areas or uneven roof lines	<input type="checkbox"/> Flashing damage around chimneys, vents, and walls
<input type="checkbox"/> Granules collecting in gutters or at downspouts	

Also check inside the attic or upper floor ceilings for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Water stains	<input type="checkbox"/> Damp insulation
<input type="checkbox"/> Musty odors	

### Gutters

<input type="checkbox"/> Gutters pulling away from the house	<input type="checkbox"/> Loose spikes, brackets, or seams
<input type="checkbox"/> Clogs from leaves, twigs, and shingle granules	<input type="checkbox"/> Water overflowing during rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Rust, holes, or seam separation	<input type="checkbox"/> Downspouts dumping water too close to the foundation

A good test: run water through them and see if it flows cleanly and away from the house.

### Siding

<input type="checkbox"/> Cracks, warping, or loose panels	<input type="checkbox"/> Pieces blown off or shifted by winter winds
<input type="checkbox"/> Fading or discoloration	<input type="checkbox"/> Mold, mildew, or green growth
<input type="checkbox"/> Soft spots or rot on wood trim	<input type="checkbox"/> Bubbling paint or caulk failure around joints

Pay close attention to areas near rooflines, corners, and around windows and doors.

### Windows

<input type="checkbox"/> Cracked glass or damaged screens	<input type="checkbox"/> Failed seals between panes or fogginess
<input type="checkbox"/> Peeling caulk or gaps around the frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Soft or rotted wood trim
<input type="checkbox"/> Drafts when the window is closed	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty opening or locking

If the trim looks swollen or stained, water may have been getting in.

### Doors

<input type="checkbox"/> Cracked or worn weatherstripping	<input type="checkbox"/> Gaps around the door
<input type="checkbox"/> Rot at the bottom of wood doors or frames	<input type="checkbox"/> Water staining on trim
<input type="checkbox"/> Sticking, swelling, or trouble latching	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated caulking around the frame

Spring rain loves weak door seals.

## Chimney

<input type="checkbox"/> Missing or cracked mortar joints	<input type="checkbox"/> Loose, spalling, or broken bricks
<input type="checkbox"/> Rust on the chimney cap or flashing	<input type="checkbox"/> Leaning or separation from the house
<input type="checkbox"/> White staining on the brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Cracked chimney crown at the top
<input type="checkbox"/> Signs the flashing is lifting or pulling away	

Also look for interior signs like:

<input type="checkbox"/> Water stains near the fireplace or chimney wall	
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## Bonus Areas People Forget

<input type="checkbox"/> Soffit and fascia for peeling paint, rot, or animal entry points	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation for pooling water or splash marks
<input type="checkbox"/> Deck and porch connections where they meet the home	<input type="checkbox"/> Exterior vents for blockages or broken covers

## Biggest Spring Red Flags

<input type="checkbox"/> Missing shingles	<input type="checkbox"/> Overflowing gutters
<input type="checkbox"/> Loose siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fogged windows
<input type="checkbox"/> Rot around doors or trim	<input type="checkbox"/> Cracked chimney mortar or flashing issues
<input type="checkbox"/> Any water stains inside the house	

*These are the items worth fast action, especially if you also notice interior moisture, staining, or musty odors.*



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