

# Spring Ahead with Our Helpful Home Maintenance Tips

Spring is the perfect time to prepare your home for warmer weather. Please take a moment to review this important spring home maintenance checklist.

**Inspect your smoke detectors.** Make sure that there is one on each floor of your home. Test them and change the battery every three months or as needed.

**Check the light bulbs** in all your fixtures to be sure that they are the correct wattage as recommended by the manufacturer.

**Replace all high-intensity bulbs** (such as halogen) with fluorescent bulbs that don't produce as much heat.

**Check your electrical outlets** for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose fitting plugs. Be sure not to overload electrical outlets, fuse boxes, or extension cords.

**Keep a multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible** that is filled and ready for operation.

**Have your air conditioning system inspected** by a professional as recommended by the manufacturer.

**Check for damage** to your roof, and clean gutters and downspouts to keep debris from accumulating.

**Check your water heater** for leaks and corrosion.

**Clean and/or replace your furnace filters.**

**Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct** and space under the dryer. Remove all lint, dust, and pieces of material or cloth.

**In your yard,** remove all dead trees and keep healthy trees and bushes trimmed and away from utility wires.

**Safely store oil and gas** for lawn equipment and tools in a vented, locked area.

**Repair driveway and walkways** that are cracked, broken or uneven to provide a level walking surface.

**We're here to help when it matters most. Please call the Grayson Thomas Agency at 864-289-9898 or 866-979-1979, if you have any questions regarding your policy and coverages.**