

Getting your house ready for summer

Beaver County – Summertime is on the horizon.

Have you thought about getting your house ready for these warmer months?

Cleaning out your gutters may not be the most glamorous task to tackle, but it's important after winter weather and spring rain. Leaves and debris will clog up the gutters, leaving them unable to properly drain water. It's also a good idea to check the roof for any winter damage.

“If you are planning on turning the air conditioner this summer, make sure to check your doors and windows,” said Beaver County Association of Realtors® President Judy Plakosh. “They need to be properly sealed to ensure they are not letting cold air out and hot summer air in. Replacing air conditioner filters is also a good task to complete now.”

The exterior of your home is one of the first things people see. Get out your gardening gloves and do some tidying up and add some plants. Get rid of the dead leaves and trim any overgrown shrubs. Add mulch and pull out any weeds that have sprouted.

“When you're replacing glass doors or windows with screens, it's a good idea to clean all of your windows and glass,” said Plakosh. “This extra light may even boost your mood if you're working from your home day in and day out.”

Adding a fresh coat of paint to the front door is also an easy way to improve the curb appeal to your home. Whether you freshen the current color or a new pop of color, this is a simple way to show your home is well cared for.

“For outdoor entertaining, even if it's just your immediate family, get it ready to go,” she added. “If you have a grill, now is the time to clean it. Bring out the patio furniture and get ready for some summer fun.”

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