



Springtime Home Safety Checklist

Water System

- Confirm main water shut-off turns freely. If valve is tight after 2-3 full cycles, replacement should be considered.
- Purge air on start-up from both hot and cold water lines at every fixture.
- Once water has been turned on to the house, check under all sinks and toilets to ensure shut-off valves, supply lines, and traps are leak free.
- Adjust water level at toilet fill valve if needed and listen for a leaky flapper. Replace if necessary.
- Make sure water heater drain, shut-off valve, water supply lines, and temperature and pressure relief are leak free.
- Check exterior hose bibs for leaks.
- Run dishwasher, washer machine, and ice maker. [Check for leaks](#) behind and under the appliances.
- Check and replace cracked or bulging washer machine hoses.

Electric System

- Confirm all air has been purged at water heater on start-up by testing (manually tripping) temperature and pressure relief valve before energizing water heater. It is safe to energize once a full stream of water has discharged.
- Test all [GFCI and AFCI circuits](#) (manually trip).
- Test surge protectors (manually trip).
- Test motion and dawn to dusk sensors at exterior lighting.
- Replace flickering or burned out light bulbs and ballasts.
- Clean dust from behind, front, underside of refrigerator for increased efficiency.
- Clean and dust ceiling fan blades and motor.
- Clean and dust electronics.

Gas System

- Confirm LPG tank has sufficient gas to operate appliances, greater than 30%.
- Light all standing pilots at gas appliances.
- Confirm all air has been purged at [water heater](#) on start-up by testing (manually tripping) temperature and pressure relief valve before lighting or energizing water heater.
- Inspect all gas appliances for sooting or abnormal ignition (lazy or jumping flame) which may indicate unstable gas pressure. Contact a professional gas technician to adjust.
- Clean and inspect Gas BBQ. Fill LPG tank, check for cracked hoses and leaking valves.
- Inspect flue pipe caps for snow damage (crushing) and critter infestation that may block exhaust flow.

Irrigation System

- Inspect irrigation backflow and control valves for leaks once water has been reestablished. Replace any valves that are hard to turn or are leaking.
- Reset irrigation timer. Replace battery backup.
- Uncover and clean weather sensor.
- Manually test each station at the timer to ensure proper control function.
- Inspect all sprinkler heads for breaks, inadequate flow, and erratic spray.

Heating and Air Conditioning Systems

- Replace batteries at carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Test (manually trip).
- Replace [HVAC systems](#) filters.
- Manually operate heating system for a minimum of 30 minutes to ensure heat is produced and safeties are working normally.
- Remove [air conditioner](#) cover. Vacuum and wash pine needles/ leaves, pollens and dust from coils.
- Manually operate air conditioning system for a minimum of 30 minutes to ensure cooling is produced and safeties are working normally.
- Service and test evaporative cooler. Replace pads, clean sump, lube bearings, inspect and replace worn belts.

