







## Get Ready for Spring. Here's a Checklist to Help Prepare Your Home.

## **Check List for Inside Your Home**

- Clean or replace your furnace filter.
- Check your water heater for leaks and corrosion.
- Make sure outlets, fuse boxes and extension cords are not overloaded. Check your electrical outlets for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose-fitting plugs.
- Make sure your multi-purpose fire extinguisher is filled and ready for operation, then move it to an easily accessible location.
- Have your air-conditioning system inspected by a professional.
- Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct and space under the dryer. Remove all lint, dust, and pieces of material. This is a common fire hazard.
- Check your smoke detectors. Make sure there is one on each floor of your home. Tip - each time daylight savings time changes - replace the batteries.
- Check the light bulbs in all your fixtures. Be sure they are the correct wattage as recommended by each fixture. Do Not Exceed the recommended wattage.
- Replace all high-intensity bulbs with fluorescent or LED bulbs. Incandescent and Quartz bulbs produce more heat than fluorescent or LED bulbs.

## **Check List for Outside Your Home**

- Check your roof for damage that may have been caused by ice and snow during the winter
- Clean gutters and downspouts to keep debris from accumulating. Remove dead trees in your yard.
- Keep healthy trees and bushes trimmed and away from utility wires.
- Store oil and gas for lawn equipment and tools in a safe, vented, and locked area.
- Provide a level walking surface, by repairing cracked, broken or uneven driveways and walkways.

