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## Spring & Summer Home Safety Guide

Simple steps to protect your home and community



**Hello Neighbors!** As the seasons change, it's a great time to walk around your property, check on a few key items, and stay connected with those around you. A little effort now goes a long way toward keeping our whole community safe.

### SEASONAL HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

 <b>Yard &amp; Outdoors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trim overgrown shrubs near windows and entry doors</li><li>• Clear winter debris and check for storm damage</li><li>• Test and repair outdoor lighting and motion sensors</li><li>• Keep walkways clear and well-lit at night</li><li>• Store ladders and tools in a locked shed or garage</li></ul>	 <b>Doors &amp; Locks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Test all deadbolts, window locks, and sliding door bars</li><li>• Replace worn weatherstripping on doors and windows</li><li>• Check for gaps around door frames that need caulking</li><li>• Consider a video doorbell or peephole camera</li><li>• Don't leave spare keys under mats or in planters</li></ul>
 <b>Fire &amp; Safety Devices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace batteries in smoke and CO detectors</li><li>• Test all detectors monthly — press the test button!</li><li>• Check expiration dates on fire extinguishers</li><li>• Clean dryer vents and check HVAC filters</li><li>• Review your family's escape route plan</li></ul>	 <b>Community Awareness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduce yourself to new neighbors this season</li><li>• Report suspicious activity — call non-emergency police</li><li>• Share contact info with 2–3 trusted neighbors</li><li>• Watch for package theft as deliveries increase</li></ul>



### Before You Head Out on Vacation

- ✓ Stop mail or ask a neighbor to collect it
- ✓ Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway
- ✓ Lock all windows, doors, and the garage
- ✓ Leave emergency contact with a neighbor
- ✓ Use timers on indoor lamps
- ✓ Don't post travel plans on social media
- ✓ Unplug small appliances before leaving
- ✓ Set your alarm system and test it first

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