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## *Maintaining* the Exterior of Your Home

Most people don't realize that water damage poses the greatest single threat to the exterior of your home. Thankfully, the key to a sound and protected home is simple – regular exterior maintenance.

Regular maintenance will not only help maintain the value of your home, but also add longevity to the painted surfaces and woodwork that are exposed to adverse weather conditions.

We recommend you inspect the exterior of your home annually (Spring and Fall are optimal) and address any problem areas in a timely fashion to avoid more costly repairs in the future.

It can be easy to miss the little things that need attention. Here are a few telltale signs to look for:

- Flaking or peeling paint, especially around window and door frames.
- Wear on window sills, shutters and the base of garage doors.
- Discoloration on wood, stone, siding, or stucco.
- Loose shutters or rusted hardware.
- Wear or wood rot on decks and railings.



Here are three maintenance recommendations to keep your home in top condition:

**1** **Pressure Clean the exterior of your home.** Pressure cleaning removes all build up from dirt, pollen, mildew and algae while freshening up the appearance of your home and extending the life of your paint job. Every 2-3 years is optimal.

**2** **Complete any Carpentry Repairs or Painting needed before the arrival of winter.** Addressing repairs and painting needs quickly can save you hundreds, or even thousands of dollars in the long run. Horizontal surfaces also wear more quickly due to the direct exposure to the elements and should be checked more frequently.

**3** **Make sure your gutters are clear of leaves and debris and downspouts are discharging water away from the house.** It doesn't take long for water to cause damage, much of which can be avoided by checking your gutters every Spring and Fall.

Take a walk around your house, and then [click here](#) or call to schedule your **Free Home Maintenance Inspection.**