

# SEASONAL GUIDE



# SEASON GUIDE TO LOOKING AFTER YOUR HOME

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# SPRING

## 1. Check for Damp and Mold

- **Inspect for Winter Damage:** Look for signs of mold or damp caused by winter weather. Check walls, ceilings, and windows for any moisture issues.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure your home is well-ventilated after winter. Open windows regularly to reduce indoor humidity.
- **Check Behind Furniture:** Inspect areas behind furniture for hidden mold or damp damage.

## 2. Garden Maintenance

- **Prepare the Soil:** Clear debris and prepare soil for planting. Add compost to enrich the soil.
- **Prune Plants:** Trim dead branches and overgrown plants to promote healthy growth. Avoid major pruning of bushes during nesting season or hire a professional to handle it.
- **Check for Pests:** Look for signs of pests like aphids and treat plants if necessary.
- **Inspect Overgrowth:** Check for overgrown plants and address maintenance needs to prevent them from becoming unmanageable.





# SUMMER

## 1. Prevent Insects and Pests

- **Keep Gaps Sealed:** Use screens or seal gaps to prevent insects from entering your home.
- **Control Outdoor Pests:** Use insect repellents or natural pest control methods in your garden.

## 2. Garden Care

- **Water Regularly:** Ensure plants are watered consistently, especially during hot spells. Water early in the morning or late in the evening to minimize evaporation.
- **Weed Control:** Regularly remove weeds in the garden and pathway/driveways
- **Check Garden Structures:** Inspect fences and garden structures for damage. Look behind trees and bushes to assess their condition.

# AUTUMN

## 1. Prepare for Winter

- **Check Heating Systems:** Ensure your heating system is working efficiently. Report any issues for timely repairs.
- **Inspect for Drafts:** Check windows and doors for drafts and seal any gaps to retain heat.
- **Check and Clean Gutters:** If accessible, check gutters for blockages and clean them out to prevent issues from leaves and moss.
- **Check Locks:** Ensure all locks are functioning properly and not becoming stiff in the cold. Address any issues before temperatures drop further.
- **Trim Overgrown Plants:** Trim bushes and trees to prevent them from becoming unmanageable. Avoid heavy pruning during nesting season or hire a professional if necessary.

## 2. Garden Maintenance

- **Clear Leaves and Debris:** Rake up fallen leaves and debris to prevent mold and pests.



# WINTER



1. Manage Condensation and Mold
  - Monitor Humidity: Use a dehumidifier if necessary to manage indoor humidity levels. Open windows regularly to air the property out.
  - Inspect for Ice and Snow Damage: Check for any leaks or water ingress caused by snow or ice. Report any issues to your landlord.
2. Garden Care
  - Protect Plants: Trim dead or damaged branches to prevent dead branches or plants from falling and causing damage.
  - Winterize Tools: Clean and store garden tools to prevent rust and damage.

