

Spring Opening Checklist

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Arrival & Property Walkthrough

- ☐ Walk the entire property and check for winter damage
- ☐ Look for fallen branches, debris, or blocked access points
- ☐ Inspect driveway, walkways, and entry areas for safety
- ☐ Check roofline/ gutters from the ground for visible issues
- ☐ Note anything that may need repair or follow-up

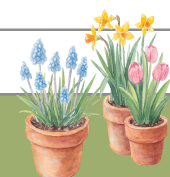
Exterior Condition Check

- ☐ Inspect siding, trim, and foundation for damage
- ☐ Check decks, stairs, and railings for stability
- ☐ Look for signs of ice or water damage
- ☐ Examine windows and doors for sealing or cracking

Interior Opening Check

- ☐ Open windows and air out the home
- ☐ Check for musty odors or signs of moisture
- ☐ Inspect ceilings, walls, and floors for water damage
- ☐ Look for pest activity or entry points
- ☐ Check under sinks and around fixtures for leaks

Water System & Plumbing



- ☐ Turn on the water slowly and monitor the pressure
- ☐ Check all faucets, toilets, and showers for leaks
- ☐ Inspect exposed pipes and crawl spaces
- ☐ Run water through all fixtures to clear lines
- ☐ Check water heater and filtration systems

Power, Heat, & Appliances

- ☐ Turn on power and test lights and outlets
- ☐ Check major appliances after seasonal downtime
- ☐ Replace furnace filters if needed
- ☐ Test thermostat and heating/cooling systems
- ☐ Schedule service if anything seems off



Safety & Security

- ☐ Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- ☐ Replace batteries where needed
- ☐ Check locks, doors, and windows
- ☐ Confirm any cameras or monitoring systems are active

Outdoor Living Spaces

- ☐ Clean and inspect decks, patios, and seating areas
- ☐ Set up outdoor furniture and check for damage
- ☐ Inspect grill and fire pit areas before use
- ☐ Clear trails, paths, and recreational access points
- ☐ Check sheds and garages for winter impact

Lakefront & Boat Prep

- ☐ Inspect shoreline for erosion or ice damage
- ☐ Check dock sections, hardware, and floatation
- ☐ Inspect boat, motor, and electrical systems
- ☐ Test equipment before use on the water