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### Spring cleaning the exterior of your home

Our friends at Acuity Insurance sent a reminder recently about spring cleaning, and they weren't talking rugs and windows. Heavy winter snowstorms and early summer downpours can raise havoc with your home's exterior. As part of your cleaning routine, **step outside to assess three potential problem areas:**



**Check the roof.** No need to drag out the ladder. Simply walk around the house and look for curling or missing shingles. Step back to see as much roof surface as possible. If you notice an issue, contact a roofer to replace the damaged shingles. The cost of repair will be far less than any water damage or rotting wood caused by a leaking roof. If your neighborhood was hit by hail in May, you might consider getting a no-charge assessment from a reliable roofing company.

**Check the gutters.** Most people clean their gutters in the fall after the leaves are down, then forget about them in the spring. Gutters typically fill with debris over the winter. The debris clogs the downspouts. If you haven't checked your gutters and downspouts since last fall, chances are they need cleaning. Look for loose or leaky gutters and make sure the downspouts are pointed away from the foundation and window wells. If the downspout drains close to the house, add an extender. It's an inexpensive solution to a potentially flooded—and pricey—basement repair.

**Check for low areas in the yard.** Low areas close to the house are especially problematic. The torrential rains we sometimes get in June can cause the yard to flood, which can lead to foundation damage. Avoid an issue by filling any low areas with soil and grass seed.

Save yourself the headache and expense of dealing with future problems by troubleshooting now.

As always, I appreciate your business and your referrals. If I can help with your insurance needs, call Sally at (303) 768-0000 or send an email to [sally@sallytaylorinsurance.com](mailto:sally@sallytaylorinsurance.com).

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