Prepare Your Home for Summer

Bathrooms:
☐ Discard expired cosmetics, beauty products, and medications.

Bedrooms:
☐ Launder or dry-clean blankets.
☐ Replace cool-weather bedding with warm-weather bedding.

Closets:
☐ Reorganize closets, giving away unwanted items.
☐ Replace cool-weather clothing with warm-weather clothing.

Home-Office:
☐ Clean out files.
☐ Review and update insurance policies, contracts, and household inventories.

Kitchen:
☐ Vacuum refrigerator grill and coil.
☐ Wipe the inside of the freezer.

Living Room:
☐ Rotate heavy curtains, rugs, and throws for lightweight ones.
Outdoor Spaces:

☐ Clean gutters.

☐ Scrub outdoor furniture, umbrellas, and awnings.

☐ Scrub porch ceilings and walls.

☐ Scrubs porch floors, decks, patios, the driveway, and walkways.

☐ Wash light-fixture covers.

Utility Spaces:

☐ Clean the attic and basement, giving away or discarding unwanted items.

☐ Remove lint from the hose attached to the back of the clothes dryer.

☐ Vacuum and mop attic and basement floors.

Throughout the House:

☐ Dry-clean non-machine-washable window treatments.

☐ Dust radiators.

☐ Launder machine-washable window treatments.

☐ Oil window and door hinges.

☐ Polish metal door and window hardware.

☐ Remove, wash, and store storm windows.

☐ Reseal stone surfaces.

☐ Reseal grout.

☐ Send area rugs without backings out for professional cleaning.

☐ Shampoo wall-to-wall carpets and area rugs with backings.

☐ Steam-clean upholstery.
- Strip and rewax vinyl and linoleum floors.
- Take books off shelves; dust shelves and books.
- Vacuum and wipe walls and ceilings.
- Wash windows and window screens.
- Wax wood furniture.
- Wax wood, stone, concrete, brick, and unglazed tile floors.