

Do-It-Yourself Seasonal Home Inspections

When life gets busy and you are rushing in and out of your house, it's easy for exterior home problems to sneak up on you. Mike Neal of Neal's Custom Exteriors recommends home owners conduct do-it-yourself home inspections twice a year. Take about 15-30 minutes this week to walk around your home and look for problems that may need to be addressed.

Doors and windows-

Do you see rotting wood around the door or window?

Is there condensation between window panes?

Are there any cracks in the glass?

Addressing window problems now can help you save money both in heating and cooling costs and also by avoiding mold issues that can arise when moisture is not managed.

Gutters and flashing-

Are all gutters connected to downspouts?

Are downspouts draining away from the home?

Are gutters free of debris?

Does flashing show signs of rust or mold?

Making sure that gutters are functioning properly can help protect your home from water damage.

Roof-

Have there been any hailstorms in your area recently?

Do shingles show signs of curling on the edges?

When you look in your attic, do you see any signs of water damage? Are all vents functioning properly?

Small roof repairs are relatively inexpensive. Roofs damaged by hail are covered by insurance and should be replaced within a month of the storm.

Siding-

Are there any cracks in the home's siding?

Are there signs of mold or excess dirt?

Powerwashing your siding can freshen the look of your home, but be sure all cracks are repaired before you begin washing.

Did you find a problem during your home inspection? Let us take care of it for you. Schedule an appointment. ([link to form](#))