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Monthly Home Maintenance

GIVE THE HOUSE A BATH

A good scrub will wash away winter grime. Close all windows and doors, and cover the ground and hedges with plastic sheeting. Then hit the house with the garden hose and spot-clean heavily soiled areas with TSP. Use detergent sparingly, as it can harm your plants.

PAINT THE EXTERIOR

Once your home's exterior is nice and clean, look for signs of peeling or chipping paint. You may need a touch-up or a fresh coat. If you plan to hire a professional, schedule the job now so the work gets done by the end of the summer.

INSPECT AND REFINISH THE DECK

Winter was likely hard on your deck, so it's time for a little TLC. Start by sweeping it clean and removing any leaves or debris from between boards. Look for loose boards and tighten or replace the screws needed to keep them in place. Then, sprinkle water on the deck's boards. If it beads up, your deck is in good shape. If it soaks in, you may want to consider resealing.

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