



Spring Cleaning Checklist

Spring time is a great time to clean, organize and get rid of unnecessary items in your house. It is also a great time to check if your safety plans are in place and your safety equipment is in working order.

- Test your smoke alarms.
 - Check to see if they work.
 - Change the battery, if necessary
 - Replace your smoke detectors every 10 years.
- Test your carbon monoxide detectors.
 - Check to see if they work.
 - Change you batteries if necessary.
- Replace light bulbs (outside and inside) – you'll be taking out the step ladder to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, use the ladder to change the light bulbs as well.
- Store winter items (clothing, Christmas decorations, etc.) properly.
- Check your house for broken items and discard appropriately.
- Clean out your medicine cabinet and dispose any expired or unused [medications properly](#). Talk to your city or county government trash and recycling service or your local pharmacist for medicine disposal in your area.
- Check your fire extinguisher.
 - Make sure safety seals, tamper indicators and maintenance tag are not broken or missing.
 - Examine for signs physical damage, corrosion, leakage, or a clogged nozzle.
 - Check the pressure gauge reading or indicator. It should be in the operable range or position.
 - Recycle and replace if necessary.
 - Learn more about fire safety planning at nsc.org.
- Plan and practice your [family escape plan](#).
- Review your family emergency plan – a printable [family emergency plan](#) is available through ready.gov.
- Check your [first aid kit](#) and replace any missing supplies.



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