

Turning your  
house into  
your dream  
home

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*It's spring fever... You don't quite know what it is you DO want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!*

*Mark Twain*

# DOING IT RIGHT

*With help from D4 Construction*

## Spring Fever

### *Use it to motivate you...*

Remodeling a room in your home is exciting. It looks good and it adds value to your home.

Unfortunately there's no glitz or glamour in routine maintenance. In fact it can be downright boring. But here's a thought that might help make those mundane tasks a little bit easier to do.

Though remodeled rooms will improve the resale value of your home – broken gutters, curled shingles, leaky plumbing or rotting window sills will negatively affect that same resale value.

Think of the time spent checking the following areas as ROI\* insurance. If you don't have the time or energy to deal with them yourself it's definitely a good investment to hire someone who can.

\*Return on Investment

### **Bathroom & Kitchen:**

⇒ Clean faucet aerators and showerheads – CLR or a similar product will make cleaning these a breeze

⇒ Clean fridge drain pan and vacuum condenser coil

⇒ Clean vent fan covers

⇒ Clean the dishwasher and its food filters  
– Jet Dry has created a product that will help remove any staining and make your dishwasher look like new

⇒ Clean kitchen fan and hood – a good degreaser will make this job easier

⇒ Check shower and tub grout and caulking – replace as necessary

### **Windows & Doors:**

⇒ Check weather-stripping around all outside doors – replace as needed

⇒ Check screens for tears – replace as needed

⇒ Clean sliding door tracks and lubricate with a good silicon spray

### **Outside:**

⇒ Hose off vinyl siding, scrub off any mildew

⇒ Clean out any gaps between the house and deck to prevent rot

⇒ Clean out gutters and downspouts at the end of spring, after the flowering season – make any repairs necessary

## ***Doing it Right***

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*A systematic approach to maintenance will allow you to catch problems while they're still small.*

- ⇒Examine fascia or soffits boards for soft spots or rot—replace as needed
- ⇒Clean out underneath any decks and porches
- ⇒Clean air conditioner filter and around the compressor
- ⇒Clean out basement window wells
- ⇒Inspect basement or crawlspace and attic looking for signs of pests – termites, carpenter ants, wasps or hornets
- ⇒Rake debris away from the side of the house and other structures
- ⇒Trim any trees or shrubs that touch the house.
- ⇒Examine your roof carefully—looking for worn, curled or missing shingles

### **Disaster-Proof Your Home**

When replacing anything worn or rotting consider products that will increase your home's disaster resistance – such as roofing materials that are rated for wind-fire and impact resistance.

### **And Finally...**

Though not an exhaustive list—checking these items yearly— in a systematic maintenance approach—will allow you to monitor and catch any changes in your home.

Taking the time needed for preventive maintenance will make your home safer and save you money by keeping your home in good working order.

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## **Upcoming Topics**

- ⇒Summer maintenance
- ⇒Your roof
- ⇒Let's talk caulk

### **For more information:**

If you are interested in protecting the value of your home, turning your house into your dream home or simply have remodeling questions or needs -call Mike Spruyt at 572-4812

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## *The D<sub>4</sub> Guarantee*



**D<sub>1</sub>** – Your job will be done for the price specified—there are no surprises or hidden costs.

**D<sub>2</sub>** – Your job will be completed the way you want it done.

**D<sub>3</sub>** – If you aren't satisfied with the finished product we'll fix it for free.

**D<sub>4</sub>**– All work comes with a 2-year guarantee on all workmanship