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Checklist for your HOME Exterior Maintenance

- Check roof for damaged shingles, shakes, or tiles and trim tree branches away from roof.
- Clean ridge vents, gutters, downspouts, and test downspouts to ensure proper drainage from roof. Also make sure water is draining away from the house's foundation.
- During moderate rain, inspect gutters and downspouts for leaks. If any leaks are noticed, plan on caulking them during dry weather.
- Have chimneys inspected and cleaned. Ensure that rain caps and vermin screens are secure.
- Look at overhead wires coming to the house. They should be secure and clear of trees or other obstructions.
- Ensure that the grade of the land around the house encourages water to flow away from the foundation.
- Inspect for evidence of wood boring insect activity. Eliminate any wood/soil contact around the perimeter of the home. Don't stack firewood against home, especially if you have wood siding.
- Test the overhead garage door opener, to ensure that the auto-reverse mechanism is responding properly. Clean and lubricate hinges, rollers and tracks on overhead doors.
- Inspect exterior walls and foundation for cracking and wear.
- Inspect all driveways, walkways, decks, porches, and landscape components for evidence of deterioration, rot, movement or safety hazards.
- If the property has a septic system, have the tank inspected (and pumped as needed) approximately every 2 years.