



**SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME TO FOCUS ON THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR HOME, AS WELL AS YOUR LAWN AND GARDEN. IT'S ALSO PERFECT FOR HAVING THAT GARAGE DOOR OPEN AND UTILIZING THE PROLONGED DAYLIGHT TO WORK ON ANY MANLY PROJECTS YOU'VE HAD ON THE BACKBURNER.**



- 1 CHECK GROUT IN BATHROOMS, KITCHEN, ETC.; REPAIR AS NEEDED.** THIS WILL PROLONG THE LIFE OF YOUR TILED SURFACES AND JUST LOOKS BETTER.
- 2 INSPECT PLUMBING FOR LEAKS, CLEAN AERATORS ON FAUCETS.** GO AROUND TO ALL YOUR FAUCETS AND TOILETS AND CHECK FOR ANY SMALL LEAKS. IF YOU HAVE POOR WATER PRESSURE OUT OF A FAUCET, THE AERATOR IS THE LIKELY CULPRIT AND IT'S AN EASY FIX.
- 3 TAKE CARE OF ANY INSECT PROBLEMS YOU MAY HAVE. SUMMER IS THEIR PLAYGROUND.** INSECT PROBLEMS. ANTS, SPIDERS, MOTHS, ETC. ARE ALL COMMON, AND FAIRLY EASY TO TAKE CARE OF. KEEP COBWEBS CLEAR, HAVE ANT POISON HANDY, MAKE SURE ALL DOORS ARE TIGHTLY CLOSED.
- 4 CLEAN AND REPAIR DECK/PATIO AS NEEDED.** IT GENERALLY JUST NEEDS GOOD WASHING. A DECK MAY ALSO NEED RE-STAINING. ALSO, CHECK FOR LOOSE BOARDS AND REPAIR.
- 5 CLEAN OUT WINDOW WELLS OF DEBRIS.** IF YOU HAVE A BASEMENT, YOU ALSO HAVE WINDOW WELLS. ALL KINDS OF THINGS CAN GET DOWN IN THERE FROM LEAVES TO TRASH, TO ANIMALS.
- 6 CHECK AND CLEAN DRYER VENT, OTHER EXHAUST VENTS TO EXTERIOR OF HOME.** WHILE THE DRYER IS RUNNING, CHECK THAT THE EXHAUST IS COMING OUT. IT SHOULD SMELL NICELY OF FRESH LAUNDRY. IF THERE ISN'T MUCH EXHAUST, CHECK FOR BLOCKAGES. YOU MAY NEED A PROFESSIONAL. ALSO, VACUUM THE LINT FROM THE HOSE AT THE DRYER.
- 7 CLEAN GARAGE.** CLEANING THE GARAGE SHOULD BE A SUMMER RITUAL. KEEPING IT CLEAN AND TIDY WILL EXTEND ITS LIFE, AND IT OFTEN GETS NEGLECTED BY REGULAR CARE. WITH ALL THE EXTRA DUST IT GETS FROM THE MANLY PROJECTS YOU'RE WORKING ON.