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## Prepare Your Home for Summer

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### Bathrooms:

- Discard expired cosmetics, beauty products, and medications.

### Bedrooms:

- Launder or dry-clean blankets.
- Replace cool-weather bedding with warm-weather bedding.

### Closets:

- Reorganize closets, giving away unwanted items.
- Replace cool-weather clothing with warm-weather clothing.

### Home-Office:

- Clean out files.
- Review and update insurance policies, contracts, and household inventories.

### Kitchen:

- Vacuum refrigerator grill and coil.
- Wipe the inside of the freezer.

### Living Room:

- Rotate heavy curtains, rugs, and throws for lightweight ones.

## Outdoor Spaces:

- Clean gutters.
- Scrub outdoor furniture, umbrellas, and awnings.
- Scrub porch ceilings and walls.
- Scrubs porch floors, decks, patios, the driveway, and walkways.
- Wash light-fixture covers.

## Utility Spaces:

- Clean the attic and basement, giving away or discarding unwanted items.
- Remove lint from the hose attached to the back of the clothes dryer.
- Vacuum and mop attic and basement floors.

## Throughout the House:

- Dry-clean non-machine-washable window treatments.
- Dust radiators.
- Launder machine-washable window treatments.
- Oil window and door hinges.
- Polish metal door and window hardware.
- Remove, wash, and store storm windows.
- Reseal stone surfaces.
- Reseal grout.
- Send area rugs without backings out for professional cleaning.
- Shampoo wall-to-wall carpets and area rugs with backings.
- Steam-clean upholstery.

- Strip and rewax vinyl and linoleum floors.
- Take books off shelves; dust shelves and books.
- Vacuum and wipe walls and ceilings.
- Wash windows and window screens.
- Wax wood furniture.
- Wax wood, stone, concrete, brick, and unglazed tile floors.