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BOWA Home Advisor

What you need to know to improve and protect your home value

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QUESTION:

Is Your "Exterior" Ready For Summer?

ANSWER:

FOR THE EXTERIOR: Exterior paint and caulking gradually wears due to weather and wood movement, so an annual inspection for cracks or peeling is a good idea. A pro will give the house a 'once over', caulking and touching up the paint as they go. If you fix these breaches in your house's protective shield in the spring, the wet summer & fall will do less damage to your wood exterior. Similarly, roofing materials gradually degrade in the full weather they face. A roofer can check in your attic (for minor leaks) and on the roof (for obvious deterioration) and fix a small problem, preventing the major damage a slow leak can do over time.

FOR DECKS: To keep your deck looking new, here are a couple of tips. For PRESSURE TREATED decking - clean and seal annually. There are several types of cleaners & coatings available, some made for sunny dry decks, others for leaf stains & mildew, and so on according to your particular situation. For IPE decking - to maintain the 'silver/teak' look, allow to age naturally. To keep the 'oiled/mahogany' look, recoat annually. For synthetics, such as TREX decking - pressure wash as needed to remove pollen and leaf stains.



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