



# One Stop Shop News



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## Summer Maintenance

Between fun and cookouts, don't forget to take some time to notice where your home may need some improvement, both inside and outside. Check your deck to make sure it doesn't need repairs. Inspect your siding for rotted, loose or cracked pieces. Check that your windows aren't in need of repair or replacement. When you are inside, look around; find ways to improve the look and feel of your home. Look for some general repairs that your interior might need. Repaint a room. Refinish your wood floors. Whatever you need, One Stop Home Repair can help.

Even pressure treated decks don't last forever without proper care. To increase the longevity of your deck remove debris between the cracks with a putty knife, (you can tape the putty knife to a broom handle to save your back and knees), and sweep thoroughly. Also reserve some time to clean or pressure-wash your deck. If you find scrubbing is the best option, choose a cool day so the water and cleaner doesn't evaporate before you have time to scrub. While you are cleaning your deck, inspect the sections close to the ground or water sources as they are most likely to succumb to rot first. Lastly, inspect underneath your deck with a flashlight, make sure the ledger, the framing piece that attaches your deck to your home, is in top shape so your deck doesn't collapse.

Walk around your home and look for any cracked vinyl siding or rotten wood siding, and replace it promptly so animals and weather won't cause damage. Also look at your windows and replace any with rot on the framing or sills. Check the sealants on your windows to make sure they are secure inside and outside and caulk any open areas between. Be sure to replace weather-stripping that is passed its prime.

Summer time is also the ideal time to paint interior and exterior surfaces because the temperatures help dry the paint quickly. In fact, interior painting is easier and it can be completed in a couple days or less. Choosing a new color is a fabulous way to change the feel of your home without spending a large chunk of change. Don't forget about the exterior painting, keep the paint on your home looking fresh and protected. If exterior painting is neglected it gets costly to restore.

The warm weather is also the perfect time to get your floors refinished. While it's being done you can take a short vacation. It's definitely better to have a professional refinish your floors for that "perfect" look.

One Stop Home Repair is here for all your maintenance needs. Give us a call, 866-5690. We can inspect and finish your deck, complete your painting projects and refinish your floors. We are always willing to work with you to find the best solution.

## Meet the Crew – Miles Kelley

Our newest member at One Stop Home Repair, Miles Kelley, lives in Old Town with his dog.



Miles studied Construction Technology at SMCC, and then attended North Bennet Street School in Boston, Massachusetts to complete his Carpentry education and training.

Miles has worked in the construction field since 2008, including time with Habitat for Humanity and AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps.

Miles has a passion for carpentry that drives him to perfection. He is mainly working on remodeling projects at this time. He fits into One Stop Home Repair very well because of his willingness to do a bit of everything.

He takes a lot of pride in his work knowing that the customer is satisfied.



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**July Checklist**



*Create that tile bathroom you've always wanted.*

**Did You Know?**

- ❖ July was renamed by the Roman senate in honor of Julius Ceaser. Prior to being renamed, July was called Quintilis.
- ❖ The youngest to sign the Declaration of Independence was 27-year-old, Thomas Lynch. The oldest was 70-year-old Benjamin Franklin.

[ ] When you get your pool ready, make sure the pumps are working and chemicals are balanced. Let the water set for at least a week before you swim so you don't ruin your suit.

[ ] Inspect fences posts around your home and replace or fix damages pieces.

[ ] Save money by getting an AC with a programmable thermostat.

[ ] Inspect your roof for missing shingles and flashing.

[ ] Pressure-wash your deck and apply water-seal to protect it from the elements.

[ ] Inspect windows, seal and secure open areas with caulk or weather-stripping. Replace windows if needed.

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