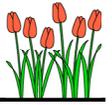




# One Stop Shop News



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## “Winter Happened, Again!”



Before you start spring cleaning, check for damage caused by this record breaking winter. Record snow fall can have serious repercussions long after the snow melts.

Melting snow and ice dramatically increase the potential of water damage because ice blocks can misdirect water into your home. To decrease the amount of damage to your home there a few things you can do. To help with the process, One Stop Home Repair is offering a free spring inspection.

First and foremost, you should inspect your roof. Look for damaged or missing shingles or broken flashing around vents and chimney. Fix any damages immediately. Then, make sure your sump pump is working properly and that the drain lines aren't obstructed with ice or snow. Also verify that your sump pump is not near the end of its life. Replacing an old sump pump now is better than waiting for it to die and being forced to wade knee deep in a flooded basement. Lastly, ensure your perimeter drain isn't blocked with ice or snow at the point where it exits to the ground.

Even if you take all precautions to avoid it, sometimes water damage is inevitable. It's always a good idea to inspect your attic, ceiling and interior walls for signs of damage. You should look for rust colored stains on ceilings, peeling or bubbling paint on walls, and darker spots on your carpets. Mold can begin to form in as little as 72 hours, therefore, it is crucial to eliminate mold, moisture, and other detrimental effects immediately.

One Stop Home Repair is offering a free spring inspection to ensure peace of mind that all is well after our record breaking winter. Give us a call 866-5690.



## Handy Howie Suggests

- Applying a fresh coat of paint to your home if the color is beginning to fade.
- Pressure wash your deck to give it a fresh new look. You might even consider re-staining it.
- Have your heat pump inspected and/or serviced to ensure that it will run effectively throughout the spring and summer.
- Your gutters may have collected debris through the winter, take some time to clean them if necessary. If you notice any gutters or downspouts are damaged, you should replace them accordingly.
- Check your siding and windows for cracks or other damages. If you find anything, have it fixed immediately.

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### April Checklist

- Inspect screens for tears and bends in frame. If they are in good condition, scrub and rinse them. If they aren't, replace them.
- Prepare outdoor grill for use. Clean removable parts with soapy water.
- Check weather stripping around doors and windows for wear. Make sure they are flexible and not damaged.
- Check fire extinguishers to ensure they aren't outdated.
- After it rains, inspect crawlspace or basement for water accumulation and excessive moisture.

### Did You Know?

- On April Fools Day 1996, Taco Bell announced they were purchasing the Liberty Bell to help with the national debt. They were planning on renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell.
- In Ancient Rome, the month of April was sacred to the goddess Venus.



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