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Hello!

A safe home doesn't happen by accident. It's the result of **steady** preparation and attention.

Most of what makes a home safer is small and specific: a smoke alarm you actually test, a clear stairway, a first aid kit you can find in the dark. From fire safety to first aid, these tips can help protect your home and family.

Any questions? Give me a call. Whether you're in your forever home, ready to sell or still searching for the right place, I'm here to help you make thoughtful, informed decisions.



Be Prepared for Home Emergencies

Fires, extreme weather and power outages rarely give notice. Preparing for them, though, is entirely within your control. These essentials will help you and your family respond quickly when it counts.



- ✓ **Escape Routes and Meeting Spot**
Plan at least two ways out of every room and choose a meeting spot outside. Have a second meeting place farther from home too.
- ✓ **Emergency Contacts**
Keep a laminated card with key phone numbers — family, friends, doctor and emergency services. Phones die, so a paper copy is essential.
- ✓ **What to Keep on Hand**
 - Fire extinguisher (check yearly)
 - First aid kit (central and accessible)
 - Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (test monthly, use long-life batteries)
 - Food and water (3 days per person)



Don't Forget These Maintenance Tasks

Tasks like cleaning out your gutters, dusting and vacuuming your home, and weeding your garden come with regular, visible reminders. But how do you keep up with other seasonal maintenance chores that may not be as noticeable? Here are some home maintenance tasks that help your home's systems run efficiently, so don't leave them off your to-do list.



LARGE APPLIANCES

- Clean dryer vent
- Vacuum refrigerator coils
- Change/clean filters (dishwasher, fridge, range hood)



HVAC

- Vacuum vents and ducts
- Replace air filters
- Replace weatherstripping
- Test thermostat



PLUMBING

- Flush water heater
- Check for leaks
- Test sprinkler water pressure



SAFETY & SECURITY

- Test smoke & CO detectors
- Ensure alarms/codes work
- Inspect fence and gate



How to Prevent Water Damage

Rain, snow, ice and other forms of precipitation can all lead to water damage. Undetected plumbing issues can also be a problem. It can cause roof damage, mold and mildew, and other costly issues. Here are four steps to help prevent water damage:

- 1 Keep gutters and downspouts clear.
- 2 Monitor water pressure and plumbing issues.
- 3 Maintain your roof and chimney.
- 4 Look out for mold and mildew.

If you live in a flood or severe weather zone, consider flood insurance in addition to your homeowners insurance.



Does Your Home Need New Windows?

If your windows are drafty, it can make your home less energy efficient and less comfortable. Consider these factors before replacing your windows:

- ✓ **Cost** – set a budget and balance upfront cost with long-term value.
- ✓ **Type** – choose the best style for your home and climate (casement, double-hung, awning, etc.).
- ✓ **Energy Efficiency** – look for high R-values and low U-values.
- ✓ **Security** – choose windows with strong, secure features.



“Notable, Quotable, Quotes!”

“The art of life lies in a constant readjustment to our surroundings.”

— Kakuzo Okakura

“Believe you can and you're halfway there.”

— Theodore Roosevelt

“Permit yourself to change your mind when something is no longer working for you.”

— Nedra Glover Tawwab



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