

armer weather is here and with it comes the desire to tackle home improvement projects that have been talked about all winter long. The following is a To-Do list of common Spring home makeover projects that homeowners may need assistance with:

Update Rain Gutters Poor or no rain gutters allow water to erode soil around a house's foundation, splash dirt onto the siding of the house and leak into the basement causing internal damage to the house. Modern covered gutter systems lead water away from houses and keep leaves and other objects out, cutting maintenance to a minimum.

Build a Deck Decks allow for outdoor enjoyment and serve as a great place for socializing and dining. Decks come in all sizes and can be built in a short time with pressure treated wood that withstands everything the Wisconsin weather can throw at it.

3 Update the Siding Today's great looking, high performance, energy efficient vinyl siding options can really give a house the "face lift" it needs. Siding should be inspected for age and wear, and replacement should be considered.

Inspect Air Conditioner It's a good idea to have central air conditioning system inspected before it starts to get hot. AC not only keeps a home cool during the summer months, it also dehumidifies the house and keeps mold from developing inside the walls. During the inspection, ask about installing a UV light *inside* the air conditioner to keep mold and other germs from developing.

5 Repair the Roof During the winter, the roof of a home may have suffered damage such as ice and moisture seeping in between the cracks and creases. Curling, peeling and even disintegration of the shingles can occur if the roof is not inspected and repaired by a professional roofer.

In the home improvement industry, there's no sitting around and watching the grass grow after three long months of winter! Your customers are anxious to beautify the landscape and "curb appeal", as well as the values of their homes.

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