As we swing into spring, we find ourselves in the yard getting our lawns back in shape after a tough winter. While you are out there, check to make sure the outside of your home is prepared for a disaster!

- **Clean out your gutters** - After a long rainy winter, our gutters are likely full of leaves and debris. As we head into April showers, clogged drains could be a risk!
- **Check your lawn decorations** – Make sure that the things you use to decorate your lawn are secure enough to withstand an earthquake, flood or windstorm.
- **Inspect the outside of your home** – Check your home for possible cracks or loose bricks. Inspect your foundation and your chimney!
- **Look Up** – Take a look at trees and limbs that may be hanging after a long stormy winter. Also visually inspect the power lines, cable lines and phone lines running to your house to make sure they are secure and still in good condition.

Remember that spring and summer are the perfect times to get ready for the coming fall and winter storm seasons. Prepare now so you have less worry later.

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