

# April Tip of the Month

## BACK TO THE YARD!

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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