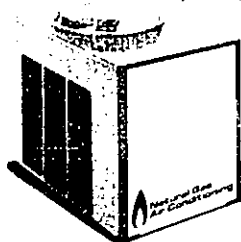
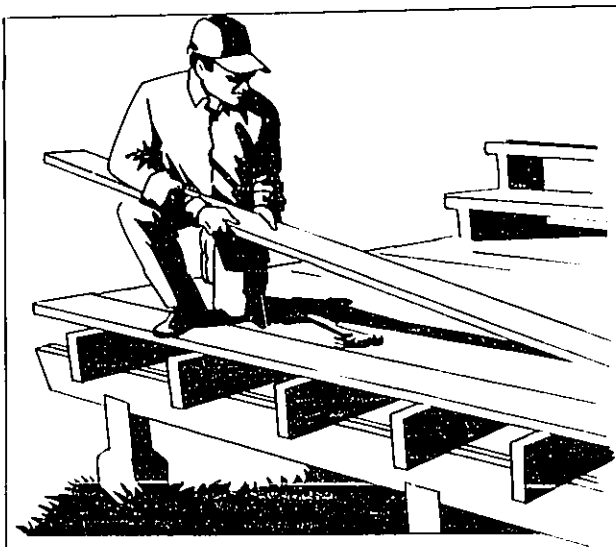


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It's checkup time for healthy home

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(NAPS). An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure when it comes to keeping your home healthy. Your doctor would probably tell you it is a good idea to get a quick check up before engaging in strenuous summer activities and the same common sense applies to your home. Here is a checklist that can help:

- Clean out your gutters and downspouts. Seal any leaky joints and make sure that rain water is directed well away from the foundation.
- Storms can be tough on roofs. Check the flashing around your chimneys and roof vents and look for broken or missing shingles.
- Leaky windows and door seals can waste a lot of the money you spend on air conditioning. Replace missing or damaged caulk and weather stripping.
- Have any cracks in your home's foundation and exterior facing repaired as soon as possible.
- Decks and porches need special

attention. Clean out debris between the boards and above the joists. Replace warped or splitting wood and reseat, restain or repaint the deck before humid summer weather does more damage.

- Rake leaves away from the side of the house and clean out basement window wells, clear away debris on or around your air conditioner.
- Trim shrubs and trees so they don't touch the house. This also helps eliminate hiding places for any would-be burglars.
- Patch or replace any window and door screens that have holes.

• Too many people forget about cleaning or replacing furnace filters during air conditioning season. Whether you have central air or a room air conditioner, keep those filters clean.

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