

## Spring Cleaning

After another long winter we are all anxious to get outside and resume outdoor activities, start gardening and entertaining. Here are some things to keep in mind this spring:

- Handle chemicals carefully (fertilizers, weed killers, washing /cleaning products) - read all instructions, have proper protective clothing including masks and gloves.
- Be aware of your surroundings – check for loose pavers, falling/broken branches, roots that can trip you, old wasp/bees' nest that need to be removed.
- Practice ladders safety- always have a spotter and make sure the ground you are using is level and solid.
- Check porches, front entrances and decks for rotting wood and replace with new materials.
- Check screens for holes and rips.
- Check drainage (gutters/down spouts).
- Check there are no pools of standing water that can attract bugs.
- This is a good time to check the expiration dates on your preparedness supplies.
- It is also a good time to see if there have been any changes to your family that require updating any of your important documents (bought or sold a car, got a new puppy, a student heading off to college in the fall).
- Replenish your cars safety items – freshwater bottles, snacks, car documents etc.