
Homeowner's Seasonal Exterior Checklist

A season-by-season checklist for keeping your Knoxville home's exterior clean, safe, and protected through East Tennessee's pollen, humidity, and freeze-thaw.

Spring

- Wash off winter grime and the spring pollen coat
- Soft-wash siding — start with the shaded, north-facing walls
- Clean gutters out after winter
- Check the roof for early black-streak (algae) growth

Summer

- Rinse pollen and road dust off siding and windows
- Clean windows inside and out
- Pressure-wash the driveway, walks, and patio
- Watch shaded areas and walkways for slick algae

Fall

- Clear gutters of leaves — and again after the trees finish dropping
- Clean walkways before they get slick and icy
- Soft-wash the roof if streaking has set in

Winter

- Clear debris from gutters and drains before hard freezes
- Keep entries, steps, and walks clean and safe
- Plan the spring house wash

Year-round rhythm

- House wash about once a year (sooner if shaded or lakefront)
- Roof soft-wash every one to three years
- Gutters cleared once or twice a year