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is our pledge!*

BPM Home Watch *A Resource for Home Owners*

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Stain / Paint Labor
Re-hab Residential Properties
All Phases of New Construction
Property Preservations
Seasonal Maintenance

HAS SPRING SPRUNG?

The IRS may allow an extension but Mother Nature won't – Make sure of the following by early Spring:

EXTERIOR SUGGESTIONS...

- Service hvac compressor, add freon
- Flush garden hose and spigot bibs
- Pressure-wash home, outdoor furniture
- Clean gutters, evaluate for leaks
- Check house for peeling paint, cracks in brick/masonry, flashing, caulk or shingle problems
- Trim, de-thatch, aerate, lime, fertilize, feed, over-seed lawn
- Dust perimeter of house & lawn for ants / grubs
- Add a compost bed
- Check trees & shrubs for winter damage, prune as needed
- Check drainage ditches for debris
- Secure all fencing
- Change oil and lube, sharpen blades, replace spark plugs in equipment
- Check all cables, belts and levers, install trickle charger
- Check tire pressure, replace gasoline, add Sea-Foam treatment to liquids

INTERIOR SUGGESTIONS...

- Spring housekeeping, wash windows, clean all screens, evaluate door jambs and thresholds
- Service HVAC furnace & replace all filters
- Dehumidify basements & open additional crawlspace & attic vents
- Check walls & basement floor for expansion/contraction cracks that may allow moisture to seep in
- Check plastic vapor barrier on crawl space floors, seal seams & holes with duct tape

IMPROVE YOUR LANDSCAPE...

Plan

Sketch any thoughts you have on paper, play with the design. Are you adding elements: water? fire? benching? Or simply increasing flora? Either approach should accommodate the transition naturally. What is the objective: Do you desire privacy? shade? colors? low-maintenance items?

Implement

Adequate slope & drainage will prevent the area from trapping runoff. Mix annuals & perennials with a thought of upcoming seasons. Anticipate the future size and proximity of each new planting. Encourage wildlife but not wood-boring pests. Stone pathways can direct visitors thru your garden. Junipers can hide unattractive areas.

Oak trees increase acidic soils, add lime as needed. A garden bench, trellis swing or landscape boulder will give a new perspective to your home.

SPEEDY'S PLACE...

Spring is prime-time for updating your lawn décor and accenting your cabin porch! Pictured here are two of many hand-crafted items that will add flavor and function to your home in the hills. For other items of interest from Speedy's Place [dog houses, bird houses, tool storage bins, raised planter boxes, etc] visit our website link at www.bpmhomewatch.com or ring Speedy direct @ 706.781.4275. Most items can be customized to show case a favorite college team or lettered with a family name. Wholesale pricing is available for commercial vendors. Mention this BPM newsletter for 10% off any item.



IS YOUR HOME AN EASY TARGET?

Tips To Stop Thieves in Their Tracks

- Advertise an alarm whether you have one or not; Monitoring sign in yard and decals in windows
- Ensure all doors / windows are locked, secure with dowel rods between sashes & slider doors
- Beef up doors; add deadbolt, 3" strike plate screws, door poles from knob to flooring
- Add battery powered magnetic sirens to entry doors / windows
- Install timers for radio & lamps
- Add photocell wiring or active motion lights for night time
- Put yourself in the burglar's shoes note any vulnerable areas
- Grab interior pics & model #s of specific items for inventory purposes

How Do I Prune A Rose Bush?

For most modern rose varieties and repeat bloomers it is suggested to prune aggressively – with gloves, and clean, sharp tools of course!

- Rule # 1: Don't prune a new plant.
- In late winter to early spring, trim all dead & diseased canes beginning at the base. These poor canes are woody / stinky vs tender & fresh.
- Prune the center of the plant for increased sun and air circulation.
- Of the remaining shoots lop off the less vigorous ones $\frac{1}{4}$ " above the bud and cut at a 45 degree angle.
- Once blooms show then wilt, dead-head the wilt immediately [snap off] so new ones will grow.
- Continually remove the suckers from the base.
- Water with a popular liquid feed 'bloom-buster' regularly.

28%

of burglars

do not

have to use force to get into a home!



Thanks for the confidence you place in BPM - Regards, Robert