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8 Home Tips to Make The Winter-to-Spring Transition Easy

DID YOU KNOW...

...that On **March 10, 1876**, Alexander Graham Bell made the first-ever phone call? It was to his assistant and he said "Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you."



Goodbye, Winter, and hello, Spring! Once again, we find ourselves amidst the changing seasons, and a big part of that change is getting our homes and yards ready. Here is a quick list of things you can do around your house to help make this transition fast and easy (without much fuss).

1. **Tidy up the entryway:** Put any hats, mittens, scarves, and boots into storage to declutter. Replace or clean the doormat and put the umbrellas in a convenient place for those spring showers.
2. **Purge your kitchen.** Get rid of any excess dishes or utensils you don't need, and take the time to reorganize your shelves and pantry.
3. **Replace blankets.** Swap your thicker winter blankets with thinner ones for the warmer temperatures
4. **Wash and clean up patio furniture.** If you put your patio furniture into storage, now is a great time to bring it out and give it a good cleaning before setting it out to enjoy.
5. **Plan out your garden.** Now is the time to decide what flowers you would like to plant, though if you have the risk of frost still, it's better to wait to plant. Trees, on the other hand, do well when planted early. If you are thinking about building a fence or gazebo, now is the time to get started.
6. **Inspect for winter damage.** Check your home's exterior for any damage sustained during the winter.
7. **Check door screens for tears or other damage.** Repair and clean as needed.
8. **Break out the power washer.** Give your exterior a powerful hose-down to clean the windows and siding for spring.



7 Easy Feng Shui Tips to Bring Luck to Your Home

Feng Shui (pronounced “fungshway”) is an ancient Chinese art that seeks to improve the energy flow in rooms, houses, office blocks, gardens, or any other spaces. A house with a good energy flow is considered a lucky house, so here are some decorating tips to bring some luck into your home!

- Keep windows open when you can to maximize airflow and allow in natural light.
- Keep lots of plants to help filter the air in your home and attract positive life force.
- Keep your kitchen tidy and organized.
- Use red, purple, and green in your décor – red is auspicious, purple is royal, and green means abundance (but don’t use them if you don’t like them!)
- Declutter and get rid of items you don’t want or need!
- Create a beautiful, dedicated workspace if you work from home.
- Aquariums attract good fortune because they combine two symbols of prosperity and abundance – fish and water.

***WEIRD,
BUT TRUE!***

St. Patrick wasn't Irish: He was born to Roman parents in either Scotland, England, or Wales.



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