



HOME Rochester and Make Monroe Home Homeowners

Spring 2024 Newsletter and Spring Maintenance Checklist

- **Exterior home inspection**- Take a walk-around the outside of your property after months of winter weather. Winter can be tough on roofs, windows, walls, foundations, and gutters. Take note of what needs repair.
- **Gutter clean out**- Thoroughly clean out any debris from gutters. Repair sagging or loose gutters. Check joints and seams for leaks. Make sure that downspouts are clear and are pointed away from the house to avoid water near your foundation.
- **Roof**- Check for inconsistencies on your roof including cracked or missing shingles, nail-pops, or soft spots.
- **Lawn clean up**- Check your property for loose branches or limbs. Maintain your lawn and rake to get rid of dead grass to encourage new growth. Prune branches away from your home.
- **Windows, caulking, leaks**- To prepare for spring weather, check for cracked or broken windows. Check window seals: a tight seal is the first line of defense against air and water. Clean windows and screens. Fix or replace torn screens to prevent bugs from entering your home. Clean tracks and door frames with a soft cloth.
- **Furnace** - Change your air furnace filter. As a general rule, replace pleated air filters and furnace filters in your home every 90 days. The longer the filter is in place, the more dirt, dust, and allergens are trapped clogging the filter and decreasing its efficiency & making the furnace work harder.
- **Basement**- Keep a dehumidifier running if you have moisture or humidity in your basement. (This can be identified by a musty smell.) Humidity levels in a home should be between 30-60%. Dehumidifiers need to be emptied regularly as water collects in their storage tank.
- **Sump Pump**- Do a check of your sump pump for proper function.
- **Attic**- Check your attic for proper ventilation. Proper ventilation helps reduce excess heat and moisture. Look for evidence of animal entry (droppings, nesting materials) that may have occurred during the fall and winter. Locate and block entry points if possible.
- **Dryer vent and house fans**- Clean out your lint trap each time you use the dryer. Unplug your dryer and clean your dryer vent and hose monthly, which is found at the back of the dryer. Check for proper functioning of your kitchen exhaust and bathroom fans and clean filters. Exhaust fans rid the room air of excess moisture, humidity, odors, and pollutants.
- **Leaks in/out-faucets**- Check under the kitchen and bathroom sinks to make sure pipes and hoses are properly sealed. Look for wetness around the dishwasher. Check your washing machine hoses for cracks, bulges, or dampness. Also check hot water heaters for signs of corrosion and leaks. Turn on outside water and check exterior spigots for leakage.
- **Clean your oven and stove top**- Regularly clean your stove top and oven to remove excess grease and food particles.
- **Home Security**- You may want to consider a home security system. In-home security systems protect your valuables, deter crime, can lower your homeowner's insurance, as well as provide peace of mind.
- **Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Alarms**- Replace batteries in your smoke detectors and check for proper functioning of Carbon Monoxide alarms. Have a working fire extinguisher accessible and inform house occupants of its location. The Rochester Fire Department will visit any city home to ensure smoke or carbon monoxide alarms are correctly installed and in working order. For more information, visit: <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/detectors/>

You may want to enlist a professional to assist with some of these tasks.

Our goal is to send out tips for seasonal home maintenance to assist you with successful homeownership.

Please respond to this e-mail if you choose to opt out of further newsletter communication.

Content is available in Spanish upon request.

Happenings around our city



Action for a Better Community Celebration and Community Resource Event

Saturday May 18, 10AM-4PM

MLK Jr Park at Manhattan Square, 353 Court Street

Free Community Event for the family!

Performances, DJ, bounce houses, face painting, balloons, cotton candy, raffles and more!
~See attached flyer~

Flower City Days at the Rochester Public Market, 8AM-2PM

Sundays- May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26

Friday, May 24 and Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day)

There are many events happening at the Rochester Public Market, check it out!

<https://www.cityofrochester.gov/marketevents/>



Pathways to Peace

Pathways to Peace helps youth and families by collaborating with community resources including schools, employers, health professionals, law enforcement agencies and other service providers. Pathways staff strive to establish relationships and build a genuine rapport with at risk youth so that they can tailor a customized network of resources that match their needs. Pathways also provides presentations designed to prevent violence from being considered as a current or future option for youth in all age groups and interested community organizations. Pathways to Peace provides outreach to youth in all neighborhoods of the city.

Call or text: (585) 428-SAFE (428-7233)





COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH CELEBRATION & COMMUNITY RESOURCE EVENT

Join ABC and our community partners for an event celebrating 60 years of Community Action in the Greater Rochester Community. Community Action changes lives and embodies the spirit of hope! Join us! Be informed! Be inspired!

- ✓ **Place:** MLK, Jr. Park, City of Rochester
- ✓ **Date:** Saturday May 18, 2024
- ✓ **Time:** 10 am - 4 pm





TOOL SHED

MEMBERSHIP INFO

WHAT IS THE TOOL SHED?

This program will provide accessibility to tools to any resident, business, or organization in the Greater Rochester Area, for a small annual fee (\$25 per year for the basic level). Tools are expensive and shouldn't be an obstacle to anyone wanting to do repairs on their home, business, or in their community.

Many people do not purchase tools because either they cannot afford them or simply do not wish to pay for something they will use once, maybe twice, in their lifetime. This program removes both of those hurdles, giving access to tools to those who need and want it. Community groups looking to engage in Clean Sweeps, neighborhood beautification projects and the like, need look no further than SEAC's Tool Shed to assist with their needs. Homeowners wanting to complete repairs on their home should be able to do so without tool cost barriers holding them back. Independent contractors looking to earn income and hone their skills should not miss out because they can't afford all the tools for the job.

SOUTH EAST AREA COALITION

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WHERE TO FIND US

seacrochester.org
seactoolshed.org
facebook.com/rocSEAC



South East Area Coalition is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes quality of life for Rochester's south east area community by connecting individuals and community partners to essential resources.



TINKERER LEVEL (\$25)/YEAR

- One user on membership
- Can rent up to 5 tools at a time*

MACGYVER LEVEL (\$35)/YEAR

- One user on membership
- Can rent up to 10 tools at a time*

BUILDER LEVEL (\$50)/YEAR

- One user on membership
- Can rent up to 25 tools at a time*

CONTRACTOR LEVEL (\$100)/YEAR

- Two users on membership
- Can rent up to 50 tools at a time*

* Rented tools must be returned within 7 days. After that a \$1 fee per day will be incurred. Any tool not returned after 30 days will result in the renter being charged for the value of a new replacement tool (market value).



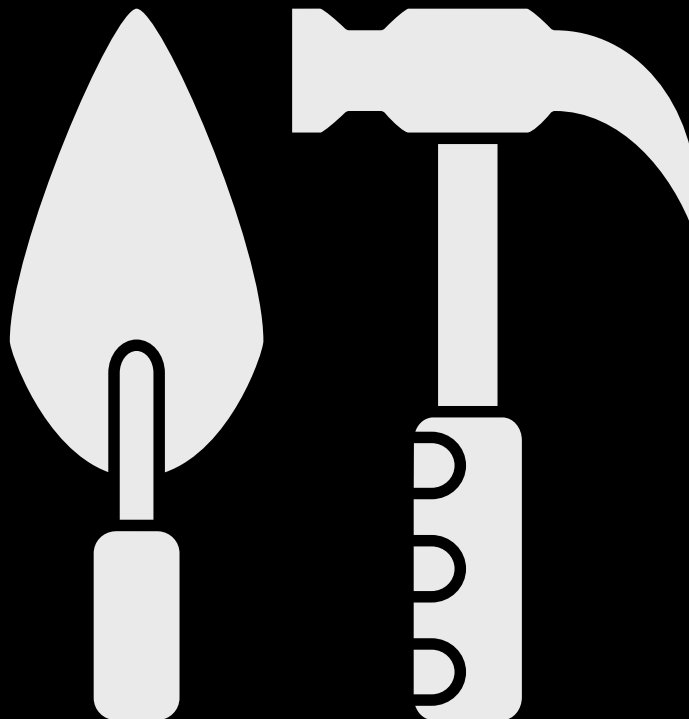
BECOMING A MEMBER?

Anyone over the age of 18 that lives in the Greater Rochester Area can become a member. You will need to fill out information on our Membership Page online (use the QR Code in this flyer or go to seactoolshed.org/membership)

When you come in for the first time you will be required to present the following:

- Two proofs of residency in the Greater Rochester Area, such as a utility or phone bill or paystub.
- A debit/credit card to have on file (this is in case late fees or tools are damaged by renter).
- Fill out the Lending Agreement and Indemnification and Waiver.

Once we have the documentation and have verified that your membership fee is paid in full, you will receive your membership card.



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!!

Go to seactoolshed.org/membership to become a Tool Shed Member!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

By being a member of the South East Area Coalition, you are showing support and dedication to your south east community. Your membership helps us to continue to deliver on our mission of promoting quality of life enhancements, excitement, and awareness of our wonderful neighborhoods.