



HOME Rochester and Make Monroe Home Homeowners

Spring/Summer 2026 Maintenance Checklist and Newsletter

- **Exterior home inspection-** Take a walk around the outside of your property. Winter weather 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. Add seed and water as needed.
- **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.
- **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%. If your dehumidifier has a storage tank, regularly empty the water from the tank.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Toilets-** Do not put any type of wipe in your toilets. All wipes will clog your pipes.
- **Kitchen sink drain-** Do not put any cooking grease down your sink; it will clog your drain. Food scraps should go into your garbage or be composted.
- **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. For more information on home fire safety, visit: <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/departments/rochester-fire-department/home-fire-safety>

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

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR CITY

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF
Clean Sweep
Making Rochester Shine!

Redwings

SATURDAY, MAY 2
8 A.M. – 12 P.M.

CITY OF ROCHESTER
Mark D. Evans, Mayor

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For more information: <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/clean-sweep>

The Great New York State Flea Market

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAYS 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

April 19 June 14 July 12
August 9 Sept. 13 Oct. 11

Special Night Market May 14, 5-9 p.m.

For more information: <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/departments/department-recreation-and-human-services-drhs/great-new-york-state-flea-public-market>

CITY OF ROCHESTER PUBLIC MARKET
280 N. UNION STREET

FLOWER
City Days at the Market

SUNDAYS: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

MAY 10 MAY 17 MAY 24 MAY 31 &

MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 25 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Durand Eastman Spring Tour

Sunday, April 12, 2026, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, April 19, 2026, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, April 26, 2026, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, May 3, 2026, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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Durand Eastman Park Arboretum Tours

The Master Gardeners of Monroe County Cooperative Extension, in conjunction with Monroe County Parks, will lead public tours of the historic Durand Eastman Park Arboretum this spring. Become familiar with the park's highlights and history. The route will traverse moderate hills and wooded trails, so please dress accordingly. There is no charge. Meet at the kiosk on Zoo Rd. (off Lakeshore Blvd.) next to the park maintenance center. The tours will last 2 hours.

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Time: 2:00 -4:00 PM

Contact info: John @ (585) 278-7743 or jn429@cornell.edu

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Master Gardener

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CIMAFUNK LEE FIELDS LADY WRAY THE LONE BELLOW
 CRUEL SUMMER ROCHESTER MUSIC HALL OF FAME WITH SCOTT MAYO
 MIKAELA DAVIS JOE P ANEES JD MCPHERSON EGGY

ZAHYIA CLAUDIA HOYSER ROSES & REVOLUTION
 GIANT PANDA GUERRILLA DUB SQUAD THE DEMOS
 CHI THEREALIST PRIME TIME BRASS BAND HIGH FADE

MADDY WALSH & THE BLIND SPOTS NYRICAN PROJECT
 JUDAH JACOB ASHER HIGH PINES TERESSA WILCOX
 CDDP ENSEMBLE

THE LOW SPIRITS SINGING RIVER THE MUSTARD TIGERS GUNPOETS
 ST. VITH GOOD WEATHER STRING BAND THE GINGER FAYE BAKERS

THE SON HENRY BAND EINSTEIN'S DREAMS
 AARON DERUYTER & THE CONFLUENCE

DATE
MAY 06-17 2026

VENUE
HIGHLAND PARK, NY

KeyBank
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ACTION for a
BETTER
COMMUNITY
Building new beginnings

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH CELEBRATION

Join ABC and our community partners for an event celebrating our continued commitment to empowering communities and inspiring change.

Free Food Live Performances Fun For All Ages Raffles

Place: Parcel 5
 Date: Saturday May 23, 2026
 Time: 11 am - 4 pm

Follow us: www.abcinfo.org

We're looking to improve neighborhoods by rehabbing vacant homes for homeownership. Do you see vacant or abandoned homes around your neighborhood? If so, please contact us with an address & we'll investigate!

Contact: Tim Wildman, Program Manager
twildman@grhp.org or (585) 423-6321

WE'RE HIRING GENERAL CONTRACTORS!

We're seeking experienced General Contractors to work on whole house rehabbed homes in our housing programs in the City of Rochester and in Monroe County. If you know someone who is an experienced GC, we invite them to contact us to learn more about working for us in our community housing programs, HOME Rochester and Make Monroe Home! Call #585-423-6320 or email: cpennella@grhp.org



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