

Spring Window Inspection Checklist

12 checks for Toronto homeowners after a long winter

Quick reference

- 1 Check for fogging between the panes**
Failed IGU = lost argon fill and half the insulation value.
- 2 Inspect exterior caulking joints**
Cracks wider than a credit card need re-caulking now.
- 3 Push-test brick mould and wood trim**
Soft spots indicate rot ? investigate before water spreads.
- 4 Operate every window**
Sticking, binding, or skipping cranks point to hardware or frame issues.
- 5 Engage every lock**
A loose lock means the sash is not pulling tight against the seal.
- 6 Inspect weatherstripping**
Hard, cracked, or compressed strip leaks air all winter.
- 7 Run the dollar-bill test**
A healthy window grips the bill firmly on all four sides.
- 8 Run the candle flame test**
Flickering shows air leaks invisible to the eye.
- 9 Look for water staining inside**
Brown or yellow stains under a window mean water is getting in.
- 10 Track condensation patterns**
Pooling or frost = U-value or humidity problem.
- 11 Check screens and tracks**
Clean the slider tracks while you are there.
- 12 Sort findings into A, B, C buckets**
DIY this weekend, get a quote, or budget for replacement.

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