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Do It Yourself: Mold Walk-Through

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Annual Summer Checklist Items Enter Date completed View roof for missing or damaged shingles. View gutters and downspouts to assure they are clean and properly attached. View the siding for damage/openings. Contact a siding contractor if repairs are required. From the interior, check the windows and foundation for leaks during heavy precipitation. View grading for any changes. The grading should be sloped away from the foundation at a rate of 1/2-inch per foot for the first 5 feet. View the top side of basement carpeting for areas of slight discoloration that may be mold growth. Be sure to check under couches and other furniture. **Operate the sump pump** to assure it properly functions. If basement walls are finished, view the bottom edge of the finish and behind any wall base for discoloration or water stains. **View roof decking** for discoloration. Fungal discoloration appears as the following: Observations (What/where/color etc.) Click Mold In Attics for more information. (http://www.michaelsengineering.com/Briefs/IAQ5.htm) Move furniture that rest against exterior walls and view the wall for discoloration. Mold may have grown as a result of condensation on these cooler surfaces. Observations (What/where/color etc.) Humidifiers & Lifestyles: How to control your indoor humidity levels. Click: Humidity In Your Home (http://www.michaelsengineering.com/Briefs/IAQ3.htm) (Check off when completed) **Ouarterly Checklist Items:** Fall Winter Spring Summer Check for any new water stains on ceiling materials below showers/bathtubs, sinks and toilets. Check for visible leaks below sinks and bathtubs If there is an access panel present, check behind it for signs of leakage. View the wall base around water appliances for discoloration, indicating a potential leak. Observations (What/where/color etc.)

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