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YOUR SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST



1. Clean gutters and downspouts. After the last frost has passed, it's important to have your gutters and downspouts cleaned and repaired.
2. Reseal exterior woodwork. Wood decks, fences, railings, trellises, pergolas and other outdoor structures will last longer and stay in better condition if they're stained or resealed every year or two.
3. Check for signs of termites. Beginning in March and going through May or June, be on the lookout for these winged insects.
4. Inspect roof. Winter storms can take quite a toll on the roof. When spring arrives, start by making a simple visual inspection of your roof.
5. Paint exterior. If you're planning to repaint your home's exterior this year, spring is a good time to set it up.

For the full article, visit:

<https://www.houzz.com/ideabooks/62779344/list/your-spring-home-maintenance-checklist>

HAPPY EASTER!



APRIL 6TH, 1982: RARE APRIL BLIZZARD PUNISHES METRO NEW YORK

APRIL 7, 1982- An unseasonable blizzard whirled about a foot of snow and record cold yesterday into a metropolitan area long wearied of winter. The punishing storm, punctuated by thunder and high winds, bedeviled traffic on New York City streets and country roads, sent schoolchildren and office workers home early, canceled legislative sessions and elections and quite literally nipped spring in the bud.

Through the long day, people inspected the white sky, searching for an end to the snowfall. At about 4:30 P.M., the snow stopped, but the forecast was for treacherous conditions and blowing drifts through the night. Today there should be some sunshine, with continued high winds and temperatures in the 30's.

Yesterday's storm was the worst since the onset of winter and the only April blizzard recorded in the metropolitan area since the National Weather Service started keeping records more than a century ago. The 10 P.M. temperature of 21 degrees also made it the coldest April 6 on record.

The biggest previous snowfall on an April 6 was 3.3 inches in 1938, and the normal temperature for the date averages 49 degrees. Last year it was 51, following a balmy 81 degrees two days before.

The storm met the standard of a blizzard. "The current definition of a blizzard is for sustained winds of 35 miles per hour along with heavy snow - six inches or more," said James Allen, the deputy meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service office in New York.

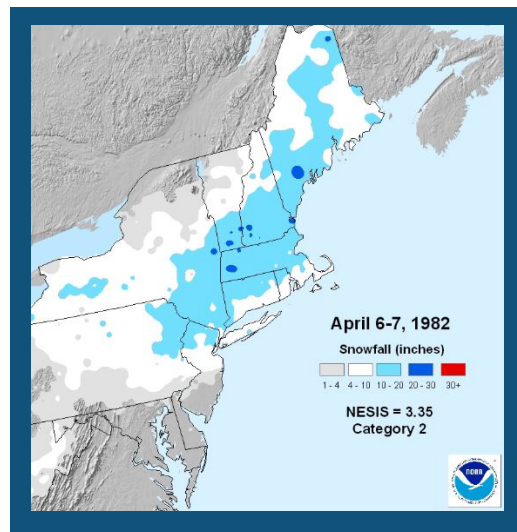
"We had a very unstable condition along with the storm center as it moved northward," Mr. Allen said. "Air was moving vertically up and down over quite a depth. The mixing of warm air near the surface and extremely cold air near the top, over 30,000 feet. And if there is sufficient moisture you get thunder activity."

The storm, called "life threatening" in its early stages, had its biggest effect on transportation. Airports in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut were closed much of the afternoon after a morning of sporadic service. By 7:29 P.M., plows had cleared one runway at La Guardia, and at Kennedy International runways were open for incoming flights by 10 P.M.

Newark International Airport reopened at 3:15 P.M., but Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Conn., where 14 inches of snow had fallen by 10 P.M., was still shut down late last night.

For the full story, visit:

<http://www.nytimes.com/1982/04/07/nyregion/rare-april-blizzard-punishes-metropolitan-new-york.html>



ATS SNOW QUOTE

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything"
- William Shakespeare