

## Summer Ready DC Home Check List

### Exterior

- Check to make sure there is no pooling water around your foundation
- Have roof inspection for missing or loose shingles
- Inspect the clean gutters and downspouts
- Ensure home is properly sealed by caulking around doors and windows, if necessary
- Switch storm windows to screens
- Turn on water supply to outside faucets
- Touch up paint
- Trim trees and shrubbery
- Repair and stain deck
- Spray around foundation, windows and doors with preventative insecticide

### Interior

- Have air conditioner serviced
- Find and eliminate any leaks or gaps using caulking and/or weather stripping around windows and/or doors
- Spray around baseboards, doors and windows with preventative insecticide
- Clean or replace air filters, monthly
- Clear obstacles to AC vents so air can freely flow
- Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Charge the battery backup for landline telephones
- Clean dryer filter regularly
- If you have a basement, check for cracks and leaks
- Make sure you know where the shut-off switch is for water, gas and electric

### Recommended Tips to Help Reduce Energy Costs

- Use a programmable thermostat to raise temperatures at night or when you leave home
- Use energy efficient light bulbs
- If you have ceiling fan's change fan's direction
- In older homes, insulate the attic
- Consider budget billing to spread heating costs throughout the year