

Spring Lock & Door Maintenance Checklist

A quick seasonal check to keep your home or property safe and secure.

Exterior Door Locks

- ☐ Check if keys turn smoothly in all exterior locks
- ☐ Inspect for rust, tarnish, or corrosion on lock hardware
- ☐ Test deadbolts — they should fully extend and retract without resistance
- ☐ Tighten any loose screws or wobbly hardware
- ☐ If using keyless or smart locks, replace batteries this season

Doors & Frames

- ☐ Ensure doors close flush with the frame — no gaps or sagging
- ☐ Look for warping, water damage, or swelling from winter weather
- ☐ Check that strike plates are aligned and screws are secure
- ☐ Clean debris from hinges and lubricate moving parts if needed

Smart Lock Maintenance

- ☐ Replace batteries in smart locks (even if still working — fresh for spring!)
- ☐ Check app settings and firmware updates
- ☐ Re-sync with Wi-Fi or hub if connections were lost during the winter

Garage & Entry Access

- ☐ Inspect garage keypad or smart access devices for wear or battery life
- ☐ Ensure garage door closes fully and securely
- ☐ Test secondary doors to the garage or side entry — are the locks solid?

When to Call a Locksmith

- ☐ Keys stick, jam, or don't work consistently
- ☐ Lock feels loose or misaligned
- ☐ You've had a recent move, breakup, or tenant turnover
- ☐ You want to upgrade to smart locks or restricted key systems
- ☐ You're unsure about the age or security level of your locks

Pro Tip from AW Locksmith

Skip the WD-40 and definitely avoid graphite powder—they can cause more harm than good inside your lock. We recommend Houdini (it's orange-scented 🍊), LockSaver, or Tri-Flow. These lubricants clean, protect, and keep your locks working smoothly year-round.