Seasonal Gutter Maintenance Checklist

A Step-by-Step Homeowner Guide to Protecting Your Roofline, Fascia & Foundation

2× / Year	1/4" per 10'	4 - 6 Feet
Recommended Inspection	Optimal Slope Pitch	Downspout Extension

SPRING MAINTENANCE & POST-WINTER INSPECTION

Perform this routine in late spring after tree seeds, oak tassels, and spring blossoms have finished dropping.

Done	Task	Description & Instructions
☐	**Clear Blossoms & Pollen**	Scoop out oak tassels, seed pods, and pollen buildup that combine with rain to form dense sludge.
☐	**Flush Downspouts**	Run a high-pressure hose down each outlet to confirm water discharges freely from the base.
☐	**Check Winter Freeze Damage**	Inspect for cracked seams, pulled hangers, or split metal caused by expanding winter ice.
☐	**Inspect Spike & Hangers**	Ensure hidden screw hangers are tight and fascia boards show no soft spots or water staining.
☐	**Verify Ground Drainage**	Confirm downspout extensions discharge water at least 4–6 feet away from foundation walls.

Pro Tip: Testing Pitch with Water Flow

Water should never stand deeper than 1/4 inch in any section after a flush. If water pools in the middle of a run, the hidden hangers need to be unfastened and adjusted to restore proper downward slope.

FALL MAINTENANCE & PRE-WINTER PREPARATION

Perform this deep cleanout in late fall after major leaf drop, prior to the first hard freezing weather.

Done	Task	Description & Instructions
☐	**Deep Leaf & Debris Removal**	Hand-scoop all dry leaves, twigs, and shingle grit into a bucket. Do not wash heavy leaves down downspouts.
☐	**Roof Valley Clear-Out**	Blow or brush away leaf piles trapped in roof valleys, chimney crickets, and skylight edges.
☐	**Reseal Leaking Seams**	Scrape failing sealant on interior corners and end caps; dry thoroughly and apply commercial polyurethane sealant.
☐	**Inspect Guard Screens**	Brush off shingle dust and pine needles sitting on top of micro-mesh gutter guards.
☐	**Detach Extension Hoses**	Disconnect flexible sump lines or plastic rain barrel diversions before freezing temperatures arrive.

LADDER & HEIGHT SAFETY GUIDELINES

Safety First: Avoid Ladder Injuries

- Always use a **ladder stand-off (stabilizer)** to avoid resting the ladder directly on aluminum gutters.
- Maintain 3-point contact (two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand) at all times while climbing.
- Never reach more than an arm's length to either side; move the ladder frequently rather than overreaching.
- Ensure footing is set on firm, level ground. Use leg levelers on uneven turf or slopes.

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