SEASONAL REPAIRS CHECKLIST

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR HOME OWNERS
introduction

This leaflet provides a suggested checklist of items to consider when trying to identify areas of disrepair to your home and surrounding property.

If any element is damaged you should arrange for repair or replacement to be carried out as soon as possible, employing a suitably qualified tradesperson if necessary.

### Spring
- Check and mend fences and treat with wood preservative
- Check outbuildings for winter damage
- Check exterior paintwork and make a painting plan of action
  - Check exterior timber for signs of decay
- Consider getting external timber work replaced with low maintenance PVC-U if major works are required
- Clean algae from paths and patios
- Clean and restore garden furniture

### Summer
- Remove old and blistered paint from timber doors and window frames in preparation for painting
- Repaint window frames and woodwork - avoid painting in hot sun as the paint may blister
- Repoint any mortar which has crumbled from the brickwork
- Repair any damaged or rusting guttering. Consider replacing cast iron guttering with a modern alternative
Autumn

☐ Complete exterior painting before damp weather sets in
☐ Make sure missing or damaged roof tiles and slates have been replaced
☐ Check exterior lighting is working before daylight fades
☐ Check all water pipes are fully insulated - especially those in the loft, cellar or connected to an outside tap
☐ Check you have adequate loft insulation (at least 200mm)
☐ Clean, treat and put away garden furniture

Late Autumn

☐ Check gutters and downpipes for blockages after the leaves have fallen of the trees.
☐ Check air vents around the house are clear of any obstructions such as leaves as lack of ventilation under the floor boards can cause rot.

Winter

☐ Check drains and gulley and add a drain tidy
☐ Replace damaged locks on sheds and outhouses
☐ Check draught proofing around letterbox, doors, windows

☐ Make sure you have a supply of rock salt for sprinkling on slippery paths
☐ Winter is the ideal time to do all the jobs inside your home that have been left or put off throughout the rest of the year.