



## Home Care Quick Guide

Simple, experience-based tips to protect your home and maintain service results.

### **Protect Your Home from Water Damage**

- Downspouts should drain 6–10 feet away from your foundation
- Keep soil and mulch below the concrete foundation
- Watch for splash-back or pooling near foundation
- Avoid irrigation/sprinkler overspray on windows and siding
- Keep window wells, drains, and foundation vents clear of debris
- Monitor hose bibs and exterior plumbing for leaks or constant dripping

### **Airflow & Sunlight Matter**

- Trim vegetation away from windows, siding and rooflines
- Where possible, maintain a **4-foot clear buffer** around your home and avoid building structures or storing items against exterior walls to support airflow, access, and reduce moisture and pest activity
- Avoid long-term shade and moisture buildup near structures

### **Common Exterior Don'ts**

- Do **NOT** rinse windows with tap water unless properly filtered — tap water is often **100+ ppm**, while acceptable rinse water is **below 5 ppm TDS** (Total Dissolved Solids)
- Do **NOT** allow irrigation overspray on windows or siding

### **Gutters & Drainage**

- Monitor gutters after heavy rainfall
- Ensure downspouts remain secure and unobstructed
- Watch for overflow, staining, or erosion near discharge points

### **Pressure Washing Awareness**

- Avoid applying pressure to siding, windows, doors, seals, electrical components, soffits, or other home materials to help prevent hidden water damage
- After service, monitor washed areas for lingering moisture or signs of water intrusion

### **Roof & Moss Awareness**

- Trim overhanging branches
- Keep roof valleys clear
- Avoid unnecessary roof traffic
- Watch for early moss or organic growth and address it promptly

### **Pest Awareness & Prevention**

- Most pest issues begin **outside** the home
- Reduce moisture near foundations and exterior walls
- Seal small gaps around siding, vents, and penetrations
- Keep vegetation trimmed away from the structure
- Store firewood and debris **at least 10 feet away** from the home





- Do **NOT** pressure wash siding, windows, or roof surfaces

#### **Window Care**

- Move BBQs or smokers away from windows or siding
- Watch for fogging or seal failure
- Adjust sprinkler/irrigation heads
- Ensure window screens, tracks, and weep holes remain clear and unobstructed

- ⚠️ Recurring ant activity, wasp nests, or rodent signs should be addressed early to prevent escalation

#### **When to Call Havyn**

- Persistent water staining or rapid organic regrowth
- Questions or concerns about your **property exterior maintenance — free advisory services**

