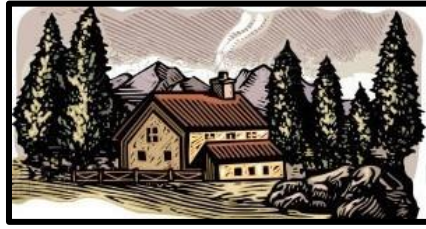


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COTTAGE OPENING CHECKLIST – PART 1 of 2

- Do a walk- around visual inspection of your cottage – inside and out
- Visually inspect the power lines leading to your cottage – report any damage to local utility and have it repaired before activating your service
- Take down any shutters and boards that may be on windows & doors
- Install any screens that were removed – patch any holes you find BEFORE THE BUGS FIND THEM!!
- Check your roof for any missing/loose shingles or any spots are that sagging
- Clean out your eavestroughs of winter debris and check for damage
- Check your wiring for damage from rodents – replace if needed
- If your cottage uses propane – check the tank, main supply line and secondary supply lines
- Reconnect your water pipes, prime your pump and start it
- Re-fill your hot water tank – BEFORE you turn on the element!!
- If you used anti-freeze in your water lines, run water and flush toilets before use to flush it all out – if you have an automatic ice-maker in your freezer, throw out the first few batches
- Check your foundation for any shifting
- Check your appliances for animal/rodent damage and nests before turning them on
- Check any rodent traps you may have placed and put them away if you have kids or pets
- Test your smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors – if battery operated – CHANGE THE BATTERIES!!
- Check the expiry date on your fire extinguisher – replace it if needed – get one if you don't have one
- If you use a woodstove or fireplace, make sure you have dry wood for burning on those cool spring nights
- Clean out your woodstove and have your chimney cleaned
- Clean the whole place
- Check for any rodent entrances and close them up - steel wool works well
- Check for poorly sealed caulking and weatherstripping – replace if needed
- Check your deck, railings and stairs – repair/replace if needed

- Get the dock back into the water – check floats, rings, dock cleats, loose boards, raised nails and tighten or repair as needed
- Check your trees for winter damage – trim back trees over cottage, take down any hazard trees
- Fix any potholes in your laneway
- Get the boat out and do a spring tune-up and cleaning
- Clean the bar b q and clean out the firepit

Now, fire up that clean bar b q, get grilling and treat yourself to a great meal! You deserve it!!