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Home Maintenance Now That I'm Alone

What every homeowner needs to know about protecting their home

Taking care of a home can feel overwhelming when the responsibility is new or suddenly falls to you alone. The good news is that you do not have to know how to fix everything, you simply need to know what to watch for and when to ask for help.

EPISODE SUMMARY

Roy Huckle and Jeremy Scott welcome back Mike Bailey of C2RS Contracting for a practical conversation about home maintenance. They discuss simple ways to spot problems early, prevent water damage, prepare your home for each season, and protect one of your largest financial assets.

From water alarms and furnace filters to sprinkler systems, sump pumps, drainage, and permits, this conversation offers approachable guidance for first-time homeowners, people who previously relied on a spouse or partner to manage household maintenance, and anyone who wants to feel more confident caring for their home.

KEY TOPICS & TAKEAWAYS

- Why paying attention to small changes can help prevent expensive home repairs.
- Simple ways to detect leaks and reduce the risk of hidden water damage.
- How monthly and seasonal walk-throughs can make home maintenance more manageable.
- What homeowners should know about furnace filters, sprinklers, sump pumps, and air-conditioning units.
- Why drainage, downspouts, window wells, and exterior vents deserve regular attention.
- When to call a qualified professional and why permits matter for protecting your home's value.

TIMESTAMPS

- 0:00** Introducing Mike Bailey and why home maintenance matters
- 2:20** Spotting early warning signs and preventing water damage
- 6:05** Seasonal maintenance, sprinklers, hoses, and changing weather
- 9:40** Creating a monthly home check and maintaining furnace filters
- 15:20** Preparing for winter and keeping trees, vents, and window wells clear
- 22:45** Keeping drains clear and checking sump pumps and irrigation systems
- 31:45** Air conditioning, drainage, permits, and protecting your home's value

RESOURCES & LINKS

- **Mike Bailey**
C2RS Contracting, featured in this episode
- **C2RS Contracting**
Home maintenance and contracting services
- **Listen to the full episode (Audio)**
- **Watch on YouTube**

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