



Pre-Season Bluebird Nest Box Check

- Ensure all seams are sealed to keep the interior dry.
- Replace any boards that are rotten or broken.
- Check that the box is properly ventilated, but not drafty

Nest Box Repair & Maintenance Tips

- **Fixing Entrance Holes:** If woodpeckers or squirrels have enlarged the hole, cover the damaged area with a 1.5-inch hole guard, a new wooden plate, and add metal guard.
- **Roof Repair:** Use outdoor wood glue for split roofs or replace them to prevent rain from entering. Add a second, larger roof with a 3/4-inch gap for extra insulation.
- **Structural Integrity:** Tighten loose screws and ensure the box is secure on its pole.
- **Cleaning & Safety:** Remove old nesting material to prevent parasite buildup. Scrub the interior with a 10% bleach solution or water/vinegar mix to disinfect.
- **Waterproofing:** Apply linseed oil to the exterior to extend the life of the box.
- **Predator Defense:** Ensure portal protectors are in place and consider adding fishing line to deter House Sparrows.