

Seasonal Gutter Maintenance Checklist

For aluminum gutters in Tucson, AZ and the Southern Arizona monsoon climate

Desert gutters sit dry for weeks, then carry heavy monsoon runoff in minutes. This checklist follows the Southern Arizona seasons so your aluminum gutters, downspouts, and any rainwater harvesting connections stay clear and working when the storms arrive.

Pre-Monsoon (April to June)

Before storm season

- Clear dust, palo verde litter, seed pods, and fine sediment from the trough before it hardens into mud.
- Flush each downspout with a hose and confirm water exits well away from the foundation.
- Check that gutters still pitch toward the downspouts and have not sagged between hangers.
- Inspect seams, end caps, and outlets for dried-out sealant and reseal any gaps.
- Clear screens and inlets on rainwater harvesting tanks so they are ready to collect.

Monsoon Season (July to September)

During the storms

- After major storms, watch for water spilling over the front edge during the next rain.
- Look for fresh brown streaking on stucco below the gutter line, a sign of overflow.
- Confirm first-flush diverters and tank inlets are flowing and not clogged with debris.
- Check that downspout discharge is still directed away from the foundation and walkways.

Post-Monsoon (October to November)

After storm season

- Do a full cleaning to remove washed-in grit and organic debris left by the storms.
- Re-inspect hangers, seams, and fasteners for any movement caused by heavy runoff.
- Verify stored rainwater tanks are sealed and screened against algae and mosquitoes.

Dry Winter (December to March)

Off-season check

- Do a visual inspection for separated seams or loose sections from temperature swings.
- Plan any repairs, resealing, or upgrades now, before next year's pre-monsoon rush.

Want a professional inspection before monsoon season?

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