

Fall

HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Prepare for the rough weather ahead with these helpful Fall season tips.

- 1. Roof Inspection:** Check for loose or damaged shingles and address any roof issues before winter weather arrives. Better to do this now before the rain comes and causes more damage to the roof or inside damage to ceiling, walls, floors and furnishings.
- 2. Clean Rain Gutters:** Remove leaves and debris from your gutters and downspouts to ensure proper drainage and prevent water damage.
- 3. Heating System and Duct Maintenance:** Schedule a professional inspection of your heating system to ensure it's working efficiently. This is a good time to check all of the HVAC ducting for leaks and dust & debris build up. Check and clean Dryer vents and ducting as well.
- 4. Replace Ventilation Filters:** Check and replace wall, ceiling and HVAC air ventilation filters as needed to improve indoor air quality and system efficiency.
- 5. Lawn & Landscape Care and Tree Trimming:** Fertilize and aerate your lawn and consider planting fall flowers, vegetables and bulbs. Trim overhanging branches and remove dead or damaged trees to prevent hazards. Prune all plants and trees for stronger and healthier growth in the spring.
- 6. Clean Yard Drainage Pipes:** Flush out and check for any broken drainage pipes to ensure rain runoff will flow to desired street gutter or storage locations.
- 7. Check and Seal Windows and Doors:** Inspect the seals around windows and doors for any cracks or gaps. Properly seal them to prevent drafts, improve energy efficiency, and keep your home warm during the colder seasons.
- 8. Paint and Repair Exterior:** Fall is a good time to touch up the paint on your exterior walls, siding, and trim, as the temperature and humidity are more favorable for drying. Check for any signs of rot, mold, or insect damage, and repair or replace any damaged boards or shingles.
- 9. Fireplace and Chimney Maintenance:** If you have a wood-burning fireplace, clean the flue and chimney to remove any creosote buildup that could cause a fire. Make sure the damper is working and the firebox is free of cracks or damage. If you have a gas fireplace, check the pilot light and the vents for any blockages or leaks. Consider a professional service company for peace of mind.



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