

FALL

Home Maintenance Checklist



- Clean gutters and downspouts of any leaves or debris to prevent water damage.
- Check the roof for any damage, and make any necessary repairs before winter weather sets in.
- Inspect and seal any gaps or cracks in windows and doors to prevent heat loss.
- Service your HVAC or heating system, including cleaning vents or replacing air filters.
 - If you have a fuel storage tank such as propane or a fuel furnace, make sure it's topped off and ready for the season.
 - Prep your air conditioning system– clear any dirt and debris and cover a ground unit, remove or seal up a window unit to prevent unnecessary drafts.
 - Don't forget to blow out dryer vents every 2-3 years 🌀
- Drain and store outdoor hoses, and turn off outdoor faucets.
- Insulate any exposed water pipes in crawl spaces, attics, exterior walls, etc.
- Inspect and clean your fireplace or wood stove, and have chimneys and flues inspected and professionally cleaned and maintained, if necessary.
- Test and replace smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries and check fire extinguishers.
- Check and stock up on necessary winter supplies, such as salt for icy walkways and snow shovels.
 - Look for special salt, expensive–doesn't ruin concrete.
- Drain the water heater, clean your dryer's vent, and inspect washer hoses for leaks.
- Blow out the sprinkler system *before* the first freeze of the season.
- Consider hiring a professional to perform a home safety inspection, including electrical and plumbing systems.
- Consider scheduling any major renovations or repairs *before* the winter weather arrives.



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