



FALL HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST



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Exterior

- Check for cracks in any sidewalks, stoops, or foundation.
- Remove screens and install storm windows and doors if desired.
- Inspect the roof (if you can do so safely); do you see signs of loose or broken shingles?
- Ensure all downspouts are intact and connected and draining at least 6 feet from foundation.
- Ensure the seal between your garage and driveway is tight.
- Fill in any gaps/holes in siding or exterior where pests could enter.
- Check driveway condition; does it need sealing or other repair?
- Once leaves have fallen, clean gutters and downspouts if they are clogged with any debris.

Yard, Garden, & Garage

- Clear leaves from lawn, reseed patchy areas, fertilize, and plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Drain garden hoses and store them inside.
- If applicable, winterize your sprinkling system or hire others to do it. Shut off the outdoor water valve.
- Drain fuel from all gas-operated equipment such as mowers, leaf blowers, etc.
- Check to see that snow equipment is up and running prior to the first snowfall.

Porch & Deck

- Check deck supports, stairs, and railings in case anyone were to slip on snow or ice.
- Clean deck furniture and grill. Cover and store it in a protected area.

Interior Maintenance

- Wash windows.
- Clean ceiling fans and lights (replace any blown light bulbs).
- Clean carpets (rent a machine or hire a professional).
- Vacuum the coils on the back of the refrigerator. Deep-clean kitchen appliances (stovetop, oven, microwave).
- Clean or replace humidifier filters.
- Replace batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Replace furnace filter and vacuum vents (or have professional duct cleaning if necessary).
- Inspect and clean your chimney, if necessary. Hire a professional if needed.