



Fall Maintenance Home Checklist



HOME MAINTENANCE

- **Check/Service HVAC Unit:** Change your HVAC unit's air filter. If unit is not running efficiently, schedule an HVAC service appointment. This will save you \$\$ on heating bills during the fall and winter months.
- **Conduct a [DIY Energy Audit](#):** Upgrade old appliances to Energy Star appliances, check attic insulation, add/replace cracked weather stripping.
- **Clean Fireplace & Chimney:** Inspect flue, doors and shields. A damaged flue could cause there to be a deadly buildup of carbon monoxide. For your first fire, burn a Creosote Sweeping Log (CSL) to help remove any creosote buildup in your chimney.
- **Inspect Hot Water Heater:** Make sure your water heater is working properly and is free from sediment buildup by releasing the pressure from the tank and [draining it with a garden hose](#). If in doubt, consult a professional.
- **Check Furnace:** Before turning your heat on for the first time, you should always change your furnace's air filter. If your furnace isn't firing properly, consult a professional technician for service now, before it gets too cold!
- **Remove AC Window Units**
- **Inspect Windows and Doors:** Check and replace weather stripping around doors and windows, where needed.
- **Brighten Up Your Home:** Winter can sometimes lead to depression. Fight the winter blues by cleaning windows and blinds, and adding more lamps and higher wattage lightbulbs.
- **Perform Home Safety Check:** Check and replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Create a family emergency plan. Review fire safety and evacuation plan. Don't have one? [Click here for instructions for creating one.](#)

LAWN & YARD CARE

- **Create a Cold Weather Kit:** Gather your fall and winter tools and store in one place.
- **Check walkways, stairs & driveway:** Make sure stairs and walkways have sturdy railings. Confirm driveway is in good shape for shoveling snow and blowing leaves.
- **Cut and stack firewood:** Create a covered wood pile for easy winter access.
- **Rake Leaves:** A build-up of leaves can attract bugs, and hinder Spring growth.
- **Clean Patio Furniture & Gardening Equipment**
- **Protect AC Units & Condensers:** Place a piece of plywood on top of AC unit(s) to cover and protect from falling icicles.
- **Repair Cracks in Driveway & Sidewalks**
- **Prune Trees & Shurbs**
- **Clean Gutters**
- **Shut off outdoor plumbing & cover spigots**
- **Plant Bulbs:** Plant bulbs around October in a full-sun spot for a beautiful surprise after the cold weather months have passed.

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