FALL HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

PREP TODAY FOR A WARMER, SAFER TOMORROW



SEPTEMBER
PREP & PREVENT

- [ ] Schedule furnace or boiler service
- [ ] Replace HVAC filters
- [ ] Inspect roof, flashing and chimney
- [ ] Clean gutters and check downspouts
- [ ] Inspect siding, trim and foundation
- [ ] Caulk gaps around windows and doors
- [ ] Check weatherstripping
- [ ] Trim branches near the house
- [ ] Inspect driveway and walkways for cracks
- [ ] Schedule chimney/ fireplace cleaning
- [ ] Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- [ ] Clean dryer vent
- [ ] Review emergency supplies (flashlights, batteries, first-aid kit)

OCTOBER
WINTERIZE

- [ ] Clean gutters again after leaves fall
- [ ] Rake or mulch leaves
- [ ] Complete final lawn mowing
- [ ] Fertilize lawn (if appropriate)
- [ ] Drain and store garden hoses
- [ ] Shut off and drain exterior faucets
- [ ] Winterize irrigation system
- [ ] Clean and store outdoor furniture
- [ ] Store or winterize lawn equipment
- [ ] Check exterior lighting
- [ ] Reverse ceiling fans to clockwise
- [ ] Check windows and doors for drafts
- [ ] Inspect attic insulation
- [ ] Check basement/crawlspace for moisture
- [ ] Service snowblower and purchase fuel if needed
- [ ] Stock up on ice melt
- [ ] Mark driveway edges before snow arrives

NOVEMBER
READY FOR WINTER

- [ ] Do a final gutter and downspout cleaning
- [ ] Make sure water drains away from foundation
- [ ] Remove leaves from drains and foundation areas
- [ ] Secure outdoor furniture, grills and equipment
- [ ] Check steps and handrails
- [ ] Confirm heating system is working properly
- [ ] Check heating fuel or propane level
- [ ] Insulate vulnerable pipes
- [ ] Know where the main water shutoff is located
- [ ] Check water heater for leaks
- [ ] Set thermostat for an efficient winter schedule
- [ ] Test smoke and CO detectors
- [ ] Check fire extinguishers
- [ ] Put snow brushes/scrapers in vehicles
- [ ] Check generator and fuel supply, if applicable
- [ ] Restock emergency supplies

HOMEOWNER TIP

Keep a simple record of HVAC service, chimney cleaning, roof repairs, gutter cleaning, generator maintenance and other major home maintenance. It can make future repairs easier to track – and may be helpful when it's time to sell.

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