

Fall Home Checklist

GET YOUR HOME IN TIP TOP SHAPE WITH THESE
SPEEDY FALL HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS



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STOCK UP ON COLD WEATHER SUPPLIES



Fall is the Time to Prepare

Fall is a great time to make quick repairs to your home before cooler weather and shorter days make outdoor tasks too tough. Ensuring you are stocked and ready before bad weather hits will allow you to rest easy knowing that you are prepared.

QUICK TASKS

- Check on rakes, shovels, and ice scrapers. Replace as needed
- Grab a bag of ice melt... just in case
- Restock any emergency kits for both your car, and your home

DO A FULL "WALK AROUND" OF YOUR HOME



Faucets, Walkways, Lights + More

Help protect your pipes from freezing temperatures by shutting off your exterior water faucets. Drain your hoses and store them in a garage or shed. Don't forget to drain and winterize your irrigation system!

DON'T FORGET...

- Check walkways, railings, and stairs for winter safety. If your sidewalk ices, is your railing sturdy enough to help you keep your balance?
- Test all outdoor lights and replace bulbs. Days are getting shorter, make sure you can see!

INVESTIGATE YOUR HOME'S INTERIOR



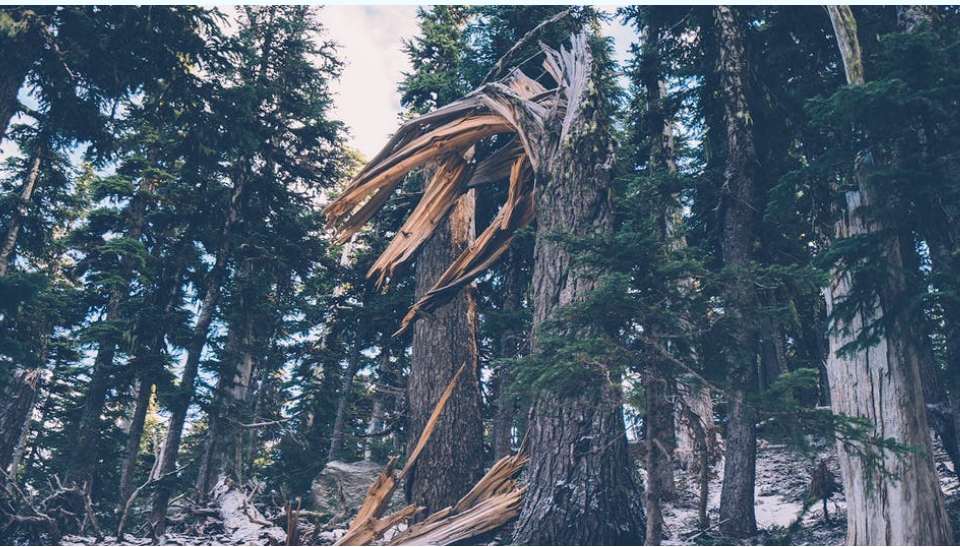
Keep Your Home Safe + Toasty!

Cooler weather means more time spent indoors. Get ready for heating season by clearing dirt and grime from your heating grates. Finished with your fall cleaning? These additional quick tasks will keep you and your family safe and warm until winter's end!

SAFETY FIRST

- Test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors; replace batteries
- Check the expiration date on your fire extinguisher
- Remove window A/C units before it gets cold. If you must leave them in, cover the exterior with an insulating wrap to keep cold air out

TACKLE THESE OVER A WEEKEND



*Elbow Grease + Patience
= Peace of Mind*

Set aside a weekend to tackle some of these more labor intensive tasks. Encourage the whole family to jump in, and make it fun! (Pizza helps)

OUTDOOR TASKS

- Rake away excess leaves to ensure spring grass can grow
- Keep the wildlife outdoors by sealing gaps where critters can enter
- Trim the dead parts of your trees to ensure you steer clear of falling limbs

"LEAF" THESE TO THE PROS, PLEASE



Some Things are Best Left to Professionals

Though we don't doubt your Bob Vila home improvement skills, there are some things better left to the pros. Need help selecting a vendor? We have a great list of our local favorites that we would love to share.

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME

- Make exterior repairs to your roof, siding, and foundation
- Clean your gutters and downspouts
- Schedule a chimney cleaning, and have a chimney cap installed
- Get your heating system checked out and tuned up