

FALL HOMEOWNER MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Clear out any debris from gutters & downspouts and touch up paint.
- ☐ Test your roof and flashings for leaks by running water over them.
- ☐ Masonry surfaces need to have their mortar joints repaired (tuck-pointed).
- ☐ Inspect your crawlspace or basement for efflorescence, fungus, and mold.
- ☐ To prevent roof ice dams:
 1. Inspect your roof and make sure it's in good condition.
 2. Make sure your gutters and downspouts are clear of debris.
 3. Install a water and ice shield on your roof.
 4. Insulate your attic to keep heat from escaping.
 5. Seal any gaps or cracks in your attic floor.
- ☐ Look for anything that could become airborne in a winter storm, such as loose shingles, siding, or trim.
- ☐ Seal up any cracks and openings on the outside of the house.
- ☐ Seal the gaps around window trim and door frames with caulk.
- ☐ Inspect the insulation on heat-ducts and water-pipes to ensure that they are in good condition.
- ☐ Inspect roof decks for signs of deterioration, damaged flashing, or compromised waterproofing.
- ☐ Clean and degrease all exterior concrete surfaces.
- ☐ All concrete and masonry surfaces should be sealed and protected.
- ☐ Test your furnace, clean the burners, and lubricate the pulleys.
- ☐ Open your fireplace damper and adjust it as needed.
- ☐ Clean your fireplace screen and doors and make any adjustments as needed.
- ☐ Inspect your chimney spark arrestor to ensure it's in good condition.
- ☐ Clean lint from dryer duct and the interior of the dryer housing.
- ☐ Inspect water-supply hoses for your washing machine and clean the filters.
- ☐ Lubricate door hinges and drawer glides.