



# FALL HOME CHECKLIST

Prepare your home for the fall season

## EXTERIOR

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- Get on top of roof issues:** check & fix any missing shingles or shingles that are damaged.
- Walk the walks:** check walkways & driveway for cracks, uneven sections, and loose railings.
- Inspect your flue:** even if it's not used frequently, check your fireplace annually for damage and hazards.
- Clean out gutters:** check gutters frequently through the fall to make sure they're clear of leaves & water is draining properly.
- Cover patio furniture:** protect your outside furniture from the weather by covering up as much as you can.

## INTERIOR

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- Safety checks:** change batteries in smoke & carbon monoxide detectors and replace your fire extinguisher if its 6+ years old.
- Get your heating system inspected:** call an HVAC professional to inspect and service your furnace.
- Replace furnace filters:** should be done before heat is turned on.
- Clean ducts & humidifiers:** do so will help heat run more efficiently and prevents bacteria & mold growth.
- Weatherproof windows & doors:** change out screens, inspect & repair loose windows or door frames and install weather stripping if needed.
- Check attic ventilation:** vents should be clear of insulation & debris.

## LAWN & GARDEN

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- Fertilize & reseed your lawn:** although grass appears to stop growing in the fall, the roots are actually growing deeper to prepare for winter.
- Trim the trees:** to avoid winter damage, make sure power lines are clear and no limbs are close to your roof.
- Stock up on lawn bags:** don't let leaves kill your lawn. Make sure you have enough recyclable lawn bags on hand for raking season.
- Store lawn equipment:** prevent damage to your tools by cleaning and storing them during the cold months.
- Drain garden hoses:** clear hose lines & turn off water to exterior spigots before freezing temps.