

How to Prepare your Home for Fall



Inside the House

- ☐ Check the fireplace for damage, creosote build-up, and the occasional bird's nest – and have it cleaned
- ☐ Stock up on firewood
- ☐ Have your HVAC serviced
- ☐ Check all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms – if needed, replace batteries
- ☐ Make a dedicated space for coats, muddy shoes, umbrellas, and all-weather gear
- ☐ Reverse your fans – if they turn clockwise, they'll circulate the warm air
- ☐ Clean your carpets
- ☐ Break out the humidifier
- ☐ Bring out the cozy bedding and store your summer-weight linens
- ☐ Change your air filters
- ☐ Insulate exposed water pipes, to keep them from bursting
- ☐ Drain your hot water heater

In the Garden

- ☐ Remove any dead or dying limbs from the trees
- ☐ Cut back your landscaping
- ☐ Bring in the potted plants
- ☐ Plant bulbs for spring flowers
- ☐ Fertilize and reseed your lawn
- ☐ Close the pool
- ☐ Clean and cover, or store, your patio furniture
- ☐ Winterize in-ground sprinklers and/or drip irrigation systems

Around the House

- ☐ Clean out the gutters and downspouts
- ☐ Check all weather stripping around your doors and windows, and replace if needed
- ☐ Check the weather seal at the bottom of the garage door
- ☐ Check the roof and repair any homes or loose shingles; check all flashing and replace any failed sealant
- ☐ Check exterior caulk, especially at corners of siding and around any entry points for wiring and plumbing
- ☐ Remove branches hanging over the roof
- ☐ Turn off outdoor plumbing; disconnect hoses and store them indoors
- ☐ Fix cracks in your patio or driveway
- ☐ Fix any exterior paint that is peeling, before the weather makes it worse
- ☐ Get the windows cleaned (*if you're spending more time inside, make the view as nice as possible*)

In the Garage

- ☐ Winterize and store the lawn mower and other summer garden tools
- ☐ Make sure your winter tools have been serviced and are easily accessible

If you, your friends or family have any mortgage needs this year, please give me a call.
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