

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.
I AM ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO HELP!

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