



Fall Maintenance Checklist

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INSIDE TASKS:

- **Ceiling Fans:** Reverse your ceiling fan. During the winter months the fan speed should be set to low and reversed (blades turning clockwise) to help draw room air up towards the ceiling and force the warm air out and down..
- **Furnace:** Have your heating system checked by a professional to make sure everything is on point for the cooler weather. Wipe down your air vents and registers.
- **Furnace Filters:** Change out your furnace filter. Check your owner's manual to see how often your furnace filter needs to be changed.
- **Water Heater:** Flush out your water heater. It's recommended to do this a few times a year depending on usage. Check your owner's manual to see what the manufacturer suggests.
- **Sump pump:** Test your sump pump to make sure it's working properly.
- Put **Fuel Stabilizer** in tank of all fuel burning lawn mowers/trimmers
- **Smoke Detectors:** Change all batteries and check smoke and CO detectors
- **Chimney and Fireplace;** Clean fireplace and chimney
- **Filter:** Clean Filter over the stove
- **Refrigerator Coils:** Move the refrigerator and vacuum around coils
- **Showerheads:** Unscrew showerheads and aerators and clean sediment

OUTDOOR TASKS:

- **Gutters:** Clean gutters and downspouts and make sure both are free of leaves and debris, allowing water to run properly.
- **Roof:** Inspect roof. Check for shingles that are curling, missing, or broken.
- **Air Conditioner:** Check air conditioning unit outside for debris
- **Outdoor Furniture:** Cover and store outdoor furniture.
- **Yard Equipment:** Clean up yard equipment such as lawn mower and string trimmers.
- **Water Hose:** Store your hoses and winterize outdoor faucets.
- **Garbage/Recycling Bins:** Wash out your garbage and recycling bins.
- **Trees/Bushes:** Trim trees and bushes.
- **Decks:** Check and inspect decks. Fall is a great time to restain if necessary.
- **Yard:** Make sure to get fallen leaves off of grass so it doesn't kill it
- **Yard:** Put Winter fertilizer down to feed law through the winter
- **Caulk;** Check caulk around windows and doors
- **Decks:** Check deck for loose rails and weathered boards and steps
- **Irrigation:** Drain irrigation system to prevent freezing
- **Cover:** Cover outdoor furniture
- **Sidewalk:** Check sidewalk and driveway for cracks
- **Dryer Vent:** Check to make sure dryer vent is not clogged and is venting properly
- **Grill:** Cover and store grill