

5 HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR FALL

A timely checklist to ensure your home is seasonally ready.



TURN OFF EXTERIOR FAUCETS

Before the temperature drops to 0, turn off exterior faucets by disconnecting garden hoses and draining the water in the faucets. Water freezing in pipes can cause them to burst.

Examine windows and doors

To avoid loss of heat before the winter season, check that the insulation of your windows and doors are in good condition. Caulking and sealing any gaps on frames will act as a preventative measure.



CLEAN AND STORE SUMMER PATIO FURNITURE

It's a good idea to wash and put away outdoor cushions and furniture to avoid damage and fading so they are in good shape for next summer.

FERTILIZE YOUR LAWN

Don't forget to fertilize your lawn using specific winter fertilizer available at most local hardware stores to avoid winter lawn damage and get a jump start in the spring.



CHECK YOUR ROOF

Prevent leaks by examining your roof for loose or missing shingles that may leak during winter storms or from melting snow or rain.

With the change of seasons, it's important to take care of the small things that help keep your home in good shape.

HAPPY FALL!



TIPS FOR FALL HOME CARE

GUTTERS

- *Clean, make sure they drain properly*

CHECK ALL CAULKING and WEATHER STRIPPING

- *Ensure no gaps*

ROOF ISSUES

- *Inspect roof; including ridge shingles for cracks, all flashing vents, chimneys, remove unused antennas*

OUTSIDE FAUCETS

- *Including inground irrigation systems, drain and winterize*

FURNACE

- *Give it a physical! Install fresh filters or at least clean the filters, have furnace inspected by a professional including the thermostat and duct work*

FIREPLACES

- *Clean and inspect for creosote, look for flue blockages exercise the damper*

HUMIDIFIER

- *Have humidifier inspected, cleaned*

WOOD STOVES

- *Check for corrosion, loose joints, holes cracks, ensure all the safety features are up to date*

OUTSIDE WALKS

- *Fixing problems in the fall will prevent issues from growing*

REVIEW SAFETY FEATURES

- *Smoke and CO detectors, fire extinguishers, Fire Escape Plan*
- *General cleanup of hazardous chemicals, newspapers and boxes*