



# Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

Whether you're prepping for your first or fifteenth winter in your home, completing annual maintenance while temperatures are still mild is a smart move.

Review this list for a starting point and contact any professionals, as needed.

## YARD MAINTENANCE

- Spray for weeds
- Aerate or dethatch lawn
- Rake lawn (or dice the leaves up with mower so they turn into a free lawn fertilizer)
- Disconnect and drain hoses and store them away from the elements
- Drain sprinkler system and dry it with compressed air



## HOME INTERIOR

- Clean air ducts
- Clean both supply and return HVAC vents
- Do a test-run of heating system

## HOME EXTERIOR

- Inspect home exterior for any damage (roof, ventilation screens, siding and foundation)
- Repair any loose or damaged doors or window frames and screens
- Apply weather stripping to any aging windows and doors
- Clean and inspect any fireplace chimneys
- After all leaves have fallen, clean out gutters and downspouts from all leaves and debris

## APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS

- Replace furnace filter(s)
- Clean dryer vent
- Check smoke and carbon dioxide detectors and replace batteries, if needed
- Replace any old alarms (based on manufacturer guidelines)

