

Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

Winterize your home with this list of fall projects.

Windows and Doors:

- Check or replace worn weather stripping on windows
- Caulk cracks on windows
- Pull out your door's draft guard (or prep an old, rolled up towel)

Fireplace:

- Remove soot or ashes from fireplace and flue system
- Check for cracks
- Not using your chimney this year? Consider investing in a chimney balloon to block the opening
- Do you need a [chimney inspection](#)?

Furnace:

- Change out or clean your furnace filter
- Consider contacting an HVAC professional to check your heating ducts for leaks and efficiency

Heaters and Thermostats:

- Check to see if you are ready to invest in a smart home thermostat
- Practice safe home heating with [these tips](#)

Drafts and Cracks:

- Check for any drafts and cracks including...
 - Outlets and switch plates
 - Exposed ducts
 - Floors

Lawn Equipment:

- Drain oil and gas from mower and other gas powered gadgets

Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

- Check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly
- Plan out a winter approved fire escape plan

Gutters:

- Clear debris from gutters and downspouts
- Check your gutters for any bends, cracks or leaks

Roof:

- Inspect your roof for any missing, broken, blistered or curling shingles
- Check for cracked caulk, rust spots or large patches of moss or lichen
- Repair any damaged, loose or missing shingles

Trees and Landscaping:

- Trim any branches away from major walkways or electrical sources
- Check for diseased or dying trees or limbs

Snow Removal Equipment:

- Stock up on ice melt or sand
- Make sure your shovel is in good shape
- Inspect bolts and parts on your snowblower
- Consider investing in a snow rake for your roof



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