



# Ready for fall?

## YOUR HOME CHECKLIST



### **CLEAN THE GUTTERS**

Inspect and clean gutters & downspouts (make sure they point away from the house!)



### **LOOK AT THE ROOF**

Repair any damaged shingles, corroded flashing or leaky vents/skylights.



### **CHECK THE SIDING**

Seal gaps and cracks with exterior caulk. Touch up any old or loose paint to ensure a weatherproof seal.



### **TRIM TREE LIMBS**

Remove loose branches that could fall in a storm. Trim trees to at least 4' away from the house to prevent pests.



### **REVERSE CEILING FANS**

Run blades in a clockwise direction at low speed to push warm air downward.



### **WEATHERIZE DOORS**

Replace weather stripping and/or door bottom on drafty exterior doors.



### **SERVICE THE FURNACE**

Have your furnace inspected and tuned up. Replace or clean your filter.



### **CHECK THE CHIMNEY**

Hire a sweep to inspect and clean soot & creosote buildup from your wood-burning chimney & air vents.



### **TEST SAFETY DEVICES**

Replace smoke detectors & CO monitors as needed. Inspect or install fire extinguishers.



### **WINTERIZE PLUMBING**

Drain and protect outdoor faucets & irrigation systems.

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