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FALL HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Get your home ready before cold weather hits. Check off each step as you go.

Best time: early to mid fall, before nights drop below freezing. That leaves time to fix anything you find.

1 HEATING AND COOLING

- [ ] Book a heating tune-up before the first cold night.
- [ ] Check the air filter every month. Most need a new one every 1 to 3 months.
- [ ] Switch the thermostat to heat. Make sure warm air comes out.
- [ ] Set ceiling fans to spin clockwise on low.

2 PIPES AND FAUCETS

- [ ] Unhook garden hoses.
- [ ] Drain outdoor faucets and put on foam covers.
- [ ] Wrap pipes in the garage, crawl space, and other cold spots.
- [ ] Find your main water shutoff. Show everyone how to use it.

3 DOORS, WINDOWS, AND ATTIC

- [ ] On a windy day, feel for drafts around doors and windows.
- [ ] Replace worn weatherstripping and cracked caulk.
- [ ] Look for thin, wet, or moved attic insulation.
- [ ] Make sure bath and kitchen fans vent outside, not into the attic.

4 INSIDE THE HOME

- [ ] Test every smoke detector.
- [ ] Clean the dryer lint screen and the vent behind the dryer.
- [ ] Check the crawl space or basement for water. Test the sump pump.
- [ ] Have a wood fireplace chimney cleaned before you use it.

5 OUTSIDE THE HOME

- [ ] Clean gutters after most leaves fall.
- [ ] Point downspouts away from the house.
- [ ] Look for missing, cracked, or loose shingles.
- [ ] Seal gaps where mice and bugs get in. Never block vents.
- [ ] Fix loose boards, steps, and railings.
- [ ] Trim dead branches near the house and power lines.
- [ ] Test porch, path, and motion lights.
- [ ] Make sure your house number is easy to see from the street.

6 PACK A WINTER KIT

- [ ] Flashlights
- [ ] Extra batteries
- [ ] Bottled water
- [ ] Food that keeps
- [ ] Blankets
- [ ] First aid kit
- [ ] Medicines
- [ ] Phone chargers
- [ ] Pet supplies

Ladder tip: not comfortable on a ladder? Call a pro for the gutters and roof.

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