

Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

Exterior

- ___ Rake leaves
- ___ Inspect roof for missing, loose, or damaged shingles; get repairs as needed
- ___ Examine siding and trim; touch up with paint or replace as needed
- ___ Clear gutters and downspouts of leaves and other debris
- ___ Check gutter and downspout alignment to verify rainwater collects and drains away from the house; adjust as needed
- ___ Drain and winterize exterior plumbing
- ___ Inspect exterior door hardware; fix squeaky handles and loose locks
- ___ Inspect the foundation and masonry for any cracks; arrange for repairs as needed
- ___ Examine exposed wood for insect damage; arrange for pest mitigation as needed
- ___ Examine tree branches; trim if needed so they are at least 2 feet away from the roof and gutters

Interior

- ___ Have furnace inspected
- ___ Replace furnace filter
- ___ Clean grills on forced air system ducts
- ___ Make sure there are no obstructions in front of vents
- ___ Check for cracks and gaps around windows and doors; seal with caulk and weather stripping as needed
- ___ Check window locks to ensure they are in working order; repair as needed
- ___ Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- ___ Check pressure gauge on fire extinguisher; replace or recharge as needed
- ___ Test ground fault circuit interrupters
- ___ Check pipes and faucets for leaks; repair as needed
- ___ Peek in the attic and examine the underside of the roof's sheathing for moisture or leaks