

Fall Home Maintenance Checklist



Getting a head start on home maintenance in fall can make your winter to-do list less daunting! Enjoy the fall season by not falling behind on tasks.

Indoors

Outdoors

Safety First

- Contact a licensed professional to inspect your gas heater or furnace to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning
- Make sure you are not storing flammable liquids, such as paint supplies, near heating units or vents
- Use caution with space heaters and carefully read instructions
- Clean your alarms by vacuuming out any dust that has accumulated

- Consider installing security lights with sensors to deter burglars
- Ensure all outdoor play equipment is on level ground and properly anchored if inclement weather strikes
- Check walkways and driveways for cracked or uneven cement that could pose fall hazards
- Clean gutters to avoid water overflow and falling debris

Stay Healthy

- Make sure your attic is well ventilated and the insulation is dry and mold-free
- Clean your humidifiers, as bacteria and spores can develop in dirty tank water

- Seal gaps where rodents and pests could enter your home
- Add weatherstripping to keep out drafts and dust

Looking forward to celebrating the holiday season?

Keep these home safety tips in mind.

- Interior holiday decorations, such as candles and string lights, should be kept away from children and pets
- Don't burn wrapping paper or pine boughs in the fireplace - embers can escape your chimney and could ignite your roof or your neighbor's
- Hanging lights? Use a non-conductive fiberglass or wooden ladder when working with electricity



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