

Home Maintenance Checklist

Fall is just around the corner—time to get your house in shape for the colder months ahead. Here's a handy guide to keep your house in peak condition this winter.



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Exterior

- Check the foundation for cracks.
- Repair peeling or blistering paint.
- Inspect the roof for missing or loose shingles.
- Repair and seal driveway.
- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Caulk windows and weatherstrip doors.
- Remove and store screens.
- Install storm windows and doors.

Interior

- Have heating system checked.
- Change batteries in smoke and CO detectors.
- Ready the fireplace.
- Check windows for drafts, loose frames, or cracked panes.
- Vacuum air filters.
- Remove window air conditioners and cover outdoor units.

Yard and Garden

- Plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Drain fuel from gas-operated lawn equipment.
- Reseed patchy areas of the lawn.
- Clean and store summer garden tools.
- Drain hoses and shut off outdoor water valves.
- Fertilize the lawn.
- Ready snow removal equipment.

Porch and Deck Area

- Check porch and deck supports, stairs and railings.
- Clean and apply sealer to decks.
- Cover and store outdoor furniture, barbecues, etc.
- Empty dirt from flower pots and containers.

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