

# 10 FALL HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS

Fall signals cooler weather, and the pleasant temperatures let you comfortably do necessary home maintenance before winter arrives.

By taking the time to maintain your home each season, you can keep common household problems at bay.

## **Clean Gutters and Downspouts.**

Clear leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts to prevent flooding and freezing around your foundation.

## **Check Your Roof for Signs of Damage.**

Carefully check your roof for signs of leaks or other damage. Fall is a good time to hire a professional to perform a roof inspection.

## **Check Furnace Filters.**

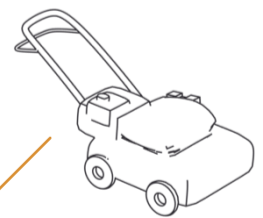
Inspect your furnace and replace the furnace filters.

## **Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors.**

Test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. It's best to replace batteries annually. A good reminder is when daylight savings time ends in November.

## **Prep Your Lawn.**

Rake leaves, fertilize and aerate your lawn, so you are prepared when spring arrives.



## **Drain Gas From Yard Equipment.**

Empty gas from your lawn tools before winter arrives. Gasoline can damage rubber parts if it's left in equipment.

## **Store Hoses.**

Remove hoses from spigots. Drain and store them indoors, ensuring they are coiled and flat.

## **Stock Up on Wood or Pellets.**

If you have a fireplace or woodstove, it's a good idea to stock up on wood or pellets during the fall months before winter hits.

## **Swap Window Screens for Storm Windows.**

Remove screens and install storm windows. Clean and repair screens before storing them in the basement or garage.

## **Clean Windows and Doors.**

Clean windows and any sliding door tracks to ensure they operate smoothly all year long.

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