

AUTUMN HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Roof & Gutters

- Clean gutters at the beginning and end of leaf season.
- Remove leaves and needles from roofs, valleys, and flat roof areas.
- Inspect roofing, flashing, and skylights before extended rain begins.
- Treat roof moss appropriately if needed.
- Ensure downspouts and underground drainage lines are clear.
- Check for water spilling over gutter edges during heavy rain.

Drainage

- Clear storm drains, catch basins, driveway drains, and culverts.
- Remove leaves from drainage swales.
- Inspect foundation drainage conditions after the first sustained rainfall.
- Check basement and crawl-space sump pumps.
- Make sure crawl-space access doors and vents are secure.
- Look for erosion or soil settling around the foundation.

Weatherproofing

- Inspect exterior caulking and seal gaps.
- Replace damaged weatherstripping.
- Check thresholds and door sweeps.
- Inspect windows for water intrusion or failed seals.
- Touch up exposed wood before winter.
- Check garage-door weather seals.



Heating

- Service the furnace, heat pump, boiler, fireplace, or wood stove.
- Replace HVAC filters.
- Clean supply and return registers.
- Inspect chimneys, flues, and vents.
- Check programmable thermostats and replace batteries where applicable.
- Test carbon-monoxide alarms before heating season.

Plumbing

- Disconnect garden hoses before freezing weather.
- Insulate vulnerable pipes.
- Winterize irrigation systems where needed.
- Inspect outdoor faucets for leaks.
- Know how to shut off the home's main water supply.