



Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR CENTRAL PA HOMEOWNERS

Pick a section, work at your own pace, and give your home a little attention along the way.

Exterior & Drainage

- ☐ Clean gutters and check downspouts
- ☐ Check roof, siding, trim and exterior caulking
- ☐ Check drainage around foundation
- ☐ Test sump pump, if applicable
- ☐ Inspect decks, patios, steps & railings

Lawn & Landscaping

- ☐ Keep leaves from building up on lawns and drainage areas
- ☐ Aerate, overseed or address thin lawn areas, if needed
- ☐ Remove damaged or hazardous branches
- ☐ Clear vegetation away from house/equipment
- ☐ Plant spring-blooming bulbs, if desired

Outdoor & Seasonal

- ☐ Disconnect, drain and store garden hoses
- ☐ Prepare outdoor faucets for freezing weather
- ☐ Winterize irrigation, pool or other seasonal systems, if applicable
- ☐ Clean and protect outdoor furniture
- ☐ Prepare lawn/outdoor equipment for storage

Heating & Keeping Warm

- ☐ Test heating system before needed
- ☐ Check filters, if applicable
- ☐ Make sure vents/registers/radiators are clear
- ☐ Inspect weatherstripping and garage-door seals
- ☐ Check windows/exterior doors for drafts
- ☐ Check attic and basement for moisture, drafts or other changes.

Home Safety

- ☐ Test smoke and CO alarms
- ☐ Check alarm manufacturing dates and replace alarms when needed
- ☐ Check fire extinguishers
- ☐ Check dryer vent and exterior vent opening
- ☐ Prepare fireplace/chimney for use, if applicable
- ☐ Check exterior lighting/timers/motion sensors

Ready for What's Next

- ☐ Locate basic winter supplies before you need them
- ☐ Prepare entryways for colder, wetter weather
- ☐ Check generator or backup equipment, if applicable
- ☐ Record maintenance and repairs completed this fall
- ☐ Save important receipts, warranties and service information

A little advice from Emmily:

Coffee ready? Pick a section and start there. You don't have to finish everything today. A little progress along the way still counts.



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