



Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

Following a thorough maintenance schedule is essential to protect your home and make the most out of it. Below are some recommended tasks to undertake in the fall.

SEPTEMBER

- Check garage door tracks and lubricate bearings.
- Check exterior caulking.
- Service furnace and gas fireplace(s) as required.
- Inspect furnace filter. Clean or replace as necessary. Ideally at least every 3 months the filter needs to be replaced.
- Clean filters for heat recovery ventilator (HRV) if applicable.
- Clean range hood filter.
- Clear lint from clothes dryer exterior vent.
- Check and reset ground fault circuit interrupter (Interior and exterior outlets)
- Check water heater for leaks.
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries as required.
- Check all silicone sealants around bathtubs, showers and sinks. Reseal if cracked or peeling.

OCTOBER

- Check weather stripping at exterior doors and windows.
- Winterize landscaping and remove leaves especially inside window wells.
- Clean eavestrough and downspouts from any debris.
- Replace humidifier filter and turn on water supply valve and open damper.
- Set control to appropriate setting.
- Drain exterior hose bibs, and turn off interior shut off valves. This will ensure that water in the exterior portion of these pipes will not freeze damaging the exterior pipe and tap.
- Shut breaker off for air conditioner.
- Cover air conditioning unit in preparation for winter.
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries as required.

NOVEMBER

- Inspect furnace filter. Clean or replace as necessary.
- Check water heater for leaks.
- Inspect humidifier and set control to appropriate setting.
- Check range hood filter and clean if necessary.
- Clear lint from clothes dryer exterior vent.
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries as required.