

# THE ULTIMATE LIST OF FALL HOME MAINTENANCE PROJECTS



## HOUSE EXTERIOR

- Wash your windows
- Clean gutters/downspouts
- Inspect your roof/foundation/siding; make needed repairs
- Inspect windows/doors/frames; make needed repairs
- Insulate any exposed pipes (such as in your crawl space)
- Pressure wash the house exterior
- Locate house water shut-off valve, know how to turn it off
- Inspect home for critter entrances, block as needed

## PROPERTY/YARD

- Clean, and store or cover outdoor furniture
- Add outdoor lighting around your home
- Clean, winterize & store lawnmower, outdoor tools, and grill
- Purchase and stack firewood

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## PROPERTY/YARD

- Rake leaves
- Fertilize and reseed the lawn
- Trim and prune trees and shrubs
- Drain and turn off your sprinkler system
- Move cold-sensitive patio accessories inside
- Turn off exterior faucets
- Relocate potted plants indoors/compost; clean & store pots
- Drain and store outdoor hose
- Eliminate walking/snow shoveling hazards on outdoor paths, porch, steps, sidewalk, deck, patio

## HOUSE INTERIOR

- Wash your windows
- Shampoo carpets
- Clean the dryer vent
- Wash area and throw rugs
- Clean and dust baseboards throughout the home

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## HOUSE INTERIOR

- Clean your refrigerator, freezer, and pantry
- Declutter and dispose of the items appropriately
- Purchase winter food supplies that can be stocked in advance
- Purchase household basics that can be stocked in advance
- Wash and rehang curtains
- Dust blinds and shades
- Review and practice your fire escape plan with the entire family
- Give your oven a thorough cleaning
- Wash bed pillows, comforters, and mattress pads
- Vacuum under couches & beds; vacuum upholstered furniture
- Switch lightweight bedding & sheets to winter-weight items
- Flip or rotate all mattresses
- Dust ceiling fans; reverse direction to blow warm air downward
- Add weather stripping to seal gaps in window & door frames
- Replace summer screens with storm windows and doors
- Remove and store window air conditioner units
- Vacuum radiators, baseboard heaters, and grates
- Deep clean the kitchen to prepare for heavy winter use

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- Check that attic insulation is thick & even, but not blocking vents
- Dispose appropriately of paint cans, other hazardous materials
- Gather shovels, scrapers, snow blower, emergency kits
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguisher, & flashlights; replace batteries

## HIRE PROFESSIONAL

- Furnace or boiler inspection
- Roof inspection
- Chimney cleaning
- Set up snow shoveling contract
- Pool closed down & covered

## ADD YOUR OWN

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