



# Autumn Home Maintenance Checklist

## YARD MAINTENANCE

- Seed lawn or refresh bald patches
- Apply fall fertilizer to your lawn
- Rake leaves, or mulch with mower
- Clean up fallen fruit from fruit trees
- Aerate lawn (every 2 years)
- Cut lawn to height of 2.5-3"
- Empty lawn mower or add stabilizer
- Divide, replant overcrowded perennials
- Cut back perennials to 6 inch above soil
- Dig and store non hardy bulbs
- Harvest vegetables before first frost
- Plant spring flower bulbs
- Cover flower beds with leaves
- Cut back roses (cover/wrap)
- Prune trees and trim back bushes
- Pick up sticks and store for kindling
- Service snow blower (fuel/oil/plugs)
- Clean tools after use

## OUTSIDE THE HOME

- Fix cracks walks, driveway, foundation
- Fix retaining wall stability/drainage
- Replace loose/damaged shingles
- Check flashing around chimney, skylight
- Check drainage around foundation
- Make sure soil doesn't touch siding
- Service and cover central A/C unit
- Cover window A/C unit if necessary
- Turn off water pipes to outside faucets
- Leave outside faucets/spigots open
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Drain pools or ponds if necessary
- Blow out sprinkler systems if necessary
- Store hoses, outdoor furniture, grill
- Re-organize garage, sweep/wash floor
- Change screens to storm windows/doors
- Add stripping/caulk to windows/doors
- Stack fire wood off ground and cover
- Clean tools after use

## INSIDE THE HOME

- Caulk/seal window and door leaks
- Replace furnace/heating system filters
- Hire pro to clean ducts/dryer vent
- Remove window AC units if preferred
- Change carbon mono detector battery
- Change smoke alarm battery
- Check fire extinguisher expire date
- Clean/test wood burning fireplace
- Test fireplace flue for tight seal
- Check/restock emergency kit (home/car)

### Home with Water Heating System:

- Drain expansion tank
- Check water pressure
- Bleed radiators

### Important Car Maintenance:

- Check your fluid levels/cleanliness
- Check your tires (including spare)
- Seasonal tuneup/battery check