

Fall Maintenance Checklist

Exterior

- Disconnect hoses from hose bibs, then drain and store.
- Shut off water to outside water supplies (hose bibs, irrigation system, fountains, etc.), and drain water from water lines.
- Remove roof debris (sticks, leaves, etc.).
- Check vents, louvers, chimney caps and housings for debris and bird nests.
- Check antenna/dish attachment to roof, and bolts for proper sealant.
- Evaluate roof for repair or future replacement.
- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Clean window wells, and storm drains.
- Check grading around house to assure water will drain away from foundation. Repair if necessary.
- Check weather stripping around windows and doors for tight fit. Replace if damaged.
- Check window hardware, and lubricate if needed.
- Test ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI's) monthly. Replace if GFCI doesn't trip or reset properly.
- Check safety reverse devices on garage overhead door opener. Adjust if necessary.

Interior

- Test ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI's) monthly. Replace if GFCI doesn't trip or reset properly.
- Check condition of lamp cords, extension cords and plugs. Replace at the first sign of wear or damage.
- Check overhead electrical wires (basement/crawl space/attic) for damaged or missing insulation. Have repaired or replaced if damaged.
- Service humidifier.
- Have furnace evaluated by a qualified technician prior to use.
- Clean dust and dirt from around furnace and water heater.
- Check water heater, and flush sediment from tank.
- Have chimney sweep clean fireplace chimney prior to use.
- Service gas fireplace prior to use.
- Remove window air conditioner for winter.
- Replace CO and smoke detectors every 6 years, or as recommended by manufacture.
- Test CO and smoke detectors. Replace if non-responsive.
- Replace CO and smoke detector batteries annually.

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