

FALL HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

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CLEAN GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS

Clearing your gutters and downspouts can help prevent ice dams from forming over the winter. Clogs in your gutters and downspouts prevent water from flowing away from your house, so it's best to clean them at least twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall.



CHECK YOUR ROOF

Make sure your roof is ready to hold this winter's snowfall by inspecting it for damage. If you notice anything out of sorts, schedule for repairs to be made before the snow flies.





Keep the cold air out and the warm air in this winter. Caulking, installing a door sweep, or applying selfadhesive weatherstripping will seal any gaps that are letting air through your windows and doors.



CHECK SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

It's recommended to check once a month that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly. You should also get in the habit of replacing their batteries every time you change your clocks for daylight savings time.



Sweep & Inspect Chimney

Have your chimney professionally swept and inspected at least once a year. Even if you have a gas fireplace, you should have the chimney and flue inspected for blockages that could potentially cause a chimney fire. A professional should also inspect gas lines and vents for leaks and make repairs as needed.



Clean & Inspect Furnace

It's also recommended to have your furnace professionally inspected and cleaned once a year. Have this done before you start regularly running your furnace to make sure it can stand the test of another Minnesota winter.





Raking leaves in the fall prevents fungus and grass suffocation. A heavy layer of leaves left on your lawn over this winter can smother your grass and prevent new growth come springtime. Fertilizing your lawn will also help nourish the grass, preparing it for when the ground freezes.



Clean & Store Lawn Equipment

It's recommended to empty any leftover gas and remove spark plugs from your lawn mower before storing it for the winter. You should also rinse rakes, shovels, and other gardening tools so they're clean and ready to go next spring.

