

END-OF-SUMMER HOME CHECKLIST

A little maintenance now can help prevent expensive repairs, improve energy efficiency and keep your home comfortable as cooler, wetter fall weather arrives.

HOMEOWNER: _____

DATE COMPLETED: _____

☐ Clean gutters and downspouts

Remove leaves, twigs and buildup. Confirm that downspouts carry water safely away from the foundation.

Why now: Clear drainage helps prevent roof, siding, landscape and foundation damage during fall rain.

☐ Prepare the lawn and landscaping

Remove weeds and dead growth, seed bare areas and plan fall aeration or fertilizing when appropriate.

Why now: Late-summer preparation supports stronger roots and a healthier yard when spring returns.

☐ Replace the HVAC filter

Check the filter and replace it if it is dusty or clogged. Consider scheduling a seasonal system inspection.

Why now: Better airflow can improve comfort, indoor air quality and efficiency before heating season begins.

☐ Check faucets, hoses and irrigation

Look for leaks or damage. Plan to disconnect, drain and store hoses before freezing temperatures arrive.

Why now: Early attention can help prevent frozen plumbing, water waste and avoidable repair bills.

☐ Seal windows and exterior doors

Inspect caulking and weather stripping for cracks, gaps or missing sections around openings.

Why now: Sealing small gaps keeps moisture and cool drafts outside and reduces unnecessary energy loss.

☐ Test smoke and CO detectors

Test every alarm, replace weak batteries and check each unit's manufacture or replacement date.

Why now: Fall often brings more indoor time and increased use of heating equipment and fireplaces.

☐ Inspect the roof and exterior

From the ground, look for missing shingles, loose trim, damaged siding and signs of water intrusion.

Why now: Finding small problems early gives you time to arrange repairs before heavy rain or colder weather.

☐ Refresh emergency supplies

Check flashlights, batteries, first-aid items and important household contact information.

Why now: Seasonal storms and power outages are easier to manage when essential supplies are ready.

SAFETY FIRST: If a task requires roof access, a tall ladder or specialized repairs, contact a qualified professional.



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