

# **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**

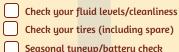
Caulk/seal window and door leaks Replace furnace/heating system filters Hire pro to clean ducts/dryer vent Remove window AC units if preferred Change carbon mono detector battery Change smoke alarm battery Check fire extinguisher expire date Clean/test wood burning fireplace Test fireplace flue for tight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

#### Home with Water Heating System:

Drain expansion tank
Check water pressure

Bleed radiators

#### Important Car Maintenance:



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