

**TOP 3 MOST POPULAR  
HOME & GARDEN TIPS**  
*for Fall!*

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## TOP 3 FALL HOME AND GARDEN TIPS

Fall is the ideal time to get your home and lawn clean, organized and ready for those upcoming winter months. At Cook Portable Warehouses, we want to be a helpful resource with valuable tips, tricks and checklists to help you get the home of your dreams.

So we have compiled this guide with the most popular home and garden maintenance tips that have been featured on our blog. Visit our blog for more tips like [how to make your home a happier place](#), [a great cleaning checklist](#) and much more!

And keep checking the [Cook Blog](#) for more useful information throughout every season!

# 5 DON'TS WHEN FALL CLEANING

Avoid these 5 mistakes when you're working on seasonal organizing and you'll be successful!

✓ **Don't Tackle too Much**

The best way is to block off 2-3 hours or choose one room at a time. This will increase your overall efficiency and get the task done quicker.

✓ **Don't Jump Around**

Put everything into categories such as store, donate, recycle and toss and then take those items to their designated places.

✓ **Don't Buy First**

The smart choice is to wait and buy supplies after you have completed the process. Then, you can measure your space and decide what type of containers you need.

✓ **Don't Get Discouraged**

Remember even if you set aside a concentrated time for cleaning and organizing, the process is ongoing and regular upkeep is required.

✓ **Don't Expect Perfection**

Your house won't always look perfect. Just make sure your things are organized in a system that makes sense to you!

[Read more about Mistakes to Avoid when Fall Cleaning.](#)



# 5 HOME MAINTENANCE TASKS FOR FALL

Here are 5 simple home maintenance tasks that will help get your home ready for fall and winter.

## 1. Clean Gutters

Before the leaves begin to fall, clean your gutters out and cover them with a mesh guard. Then, after most of the leaves have fallen, wash the gutters and downspouts again and flush them with water.

## 2. Inspect Windows/Doors

Check and seal any gaps around your home's windows and door frames. This is one of the easiest and most cost effective ways to get your home ready and will help lower your heating costs.

## 3. Repair Walkways

Fall is the time to fix or fill-in damaged walkways, driveways and steps. Check for cracks more than 1/8-inch wide, uneven or loose sections, disintegration of asphalt and washed-out materials.

## 4. Reverse Ceiling Fans

It's important to periodically change the direction of your ceiling fans to redistribute warm air.

## 5. Clean Equipment

Clean and drain fuel from gas powered equipment and store those items in your Cook storage shed.

[Read more about 5 Home Maintenance Tasks for Fall.](#)





## 5 GARDEN MAINTENANCE TASKS FOR FALL

Check out our 5 important things to do now to have a beautiful, blooming garden this spring.

1. Add a layer of compost or manure to all your garden beds.
2. Collect dried seeds from pollinated flowers and vegetables to save for next year. Also, gather herbs and flowers to dry out.
3. Start cutting back perennials and all diseased portions of your foliage.
4. Water your trees and shrubs until the ground freezes and double the amount of water for newly planted vegetation.
5. Clean out all your gardening supplies like planters, bird feeders and cold frames. Sand and oil your tools and store safely in your Cook building.

[Read more about 5 Garden Maintenance Tasks for Fall.](#)

