



## FALL SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Change your home air filter in your HVAC system. Cleaner air means a healthier home.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are working properly.
- Clean out debris from gutters and downspouts to prevent full gutters from sagging or breaking.
- Thoroughly clean your lawnmower by removing any gas and oil. Prepare for winter storage by hosing down the underside to remove clippings. Now it will be ready for Spring!
- Fire Safety Awareness month is in October. Create a fire escape plan with your family so you are prepared in the unexpected event that you'll need to vacate your home.
- Disconnect all garden hoses and turn off your sprinkler system. Drain remaining water as well as store your hoses inside to prevent freezing during the winter months.
- Caulk around windows and doorframes to prevent heat from escaping. Plus, you'll save on energy costs!

- Have fireplaces examined and cleaned by a licensed contractor to prepare it for the winter months, so your fireplace doesn't start a fire!
- Winterize your pool. Secure safety cover and store chemicals properly. Storing outside in a bin or shed is ok as long as the chemicals remain free of moisture.
- Reverse your ceiling fans to rotate clockwise, which will push heated air from the ceiling. This might allow you to turn down your thermostat and save on energy.
- Drain sediment from hot water heaters so it doesn't build up and cause issues later on.
- Create a winter emergency kit for your car that includes chains, flares, jumper cables, blankets, a flashlight and a first aid kit so that you're prepared for whatever winter storms meet you on the road

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