

# Autumn HOME CHECKLIST



## 1. WINDOWS & DOORS:

The only good draft in your house this fall is the one that kicks off fantasy football season! Seal leaky windows and doors with spray foam, caulk or weather stripping.



## 2. ROOF:

At least once or twice a year, check your roof or hire a professional to do so, especially after extreme weather events.



## 3. GUTTERS:

Preventing gutter overflow is important; just make sure you always practice ladder safety when cleaning out fall leaves (or hire a professional).



## 4. SMOKE DETECTOR:

Clocks aren't the only wall hangings worth adjusting during daylight savings time. Make sure you check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace their batteries as needed.



## 5. ENERGY:

When temperatures fall, consider investing in a programmable thermostat to save energy and money while staying warm.



## 6. HEALTHY LAWN:

Once leaves start falling, keep your soil healthy by mulching them with a mower. One pass every four days should do the trick. Or, be sure to rake leaves. Leaves can kill your grass if left on the ground for a prolonged period of time.



## 7. FIREPLACE:

The start of fall means fireside stories are just around the corner. Check your chimney and have it swept when 1/8-inch of sooty buildup is present.



## 8. FIREWOOD:

Dry firewood should be stored at least 15 feet from your home. Large amounts of wood should not be stored in the home, due to the risk of termite infestation.



## 9. LAWN EQUIPMENT:

Once summer ends, your lawn equipment will probably go into hibernation all winter -- so make sure it's stored properly. Empty unused fuel from lawnmowers to prevent sediment buildup.

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