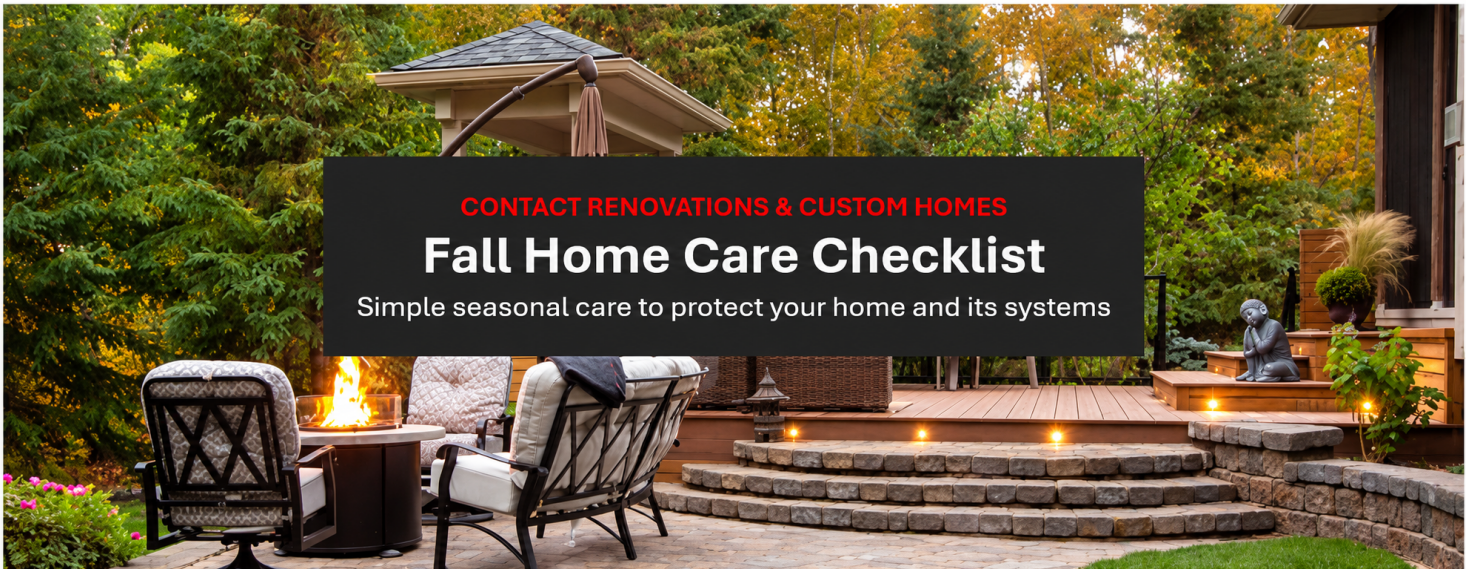




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Fall Home Care Checklist

Simple seasonal care to protect your home and its systems

SEASONAL HOME GUIDE

Before sustained freezing temperatures arrive, use this checklist to prepare your home for winter. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for your specific equipment.

Exterior & Property

- ☐ Disconnect, drain and store outdoor hoses.
- ☐ Shut off and drain exterior water lines.
- ☐ Clean gutters and direct downspouts away from the foundation.
- ☐ Inspect exterior caulking and weatherstripping around windows and doors.
- ☐ Check roof shingles, exterior vents and finishes for visible damage.
- ☐ Clear leaves and debris from window wells and exterior drains.
- ☐ Prune shrubs and trees away from the home and roofline.
- ☐ Fill cracks in driveways and sidewalks before freeze-thaw cycles.
- ☐ Complete needed fence and deck repairs.
- ☐ Address lot-grading or landscaping issues that direct water toward the home.
- ☐ Blow out and winterize irrigation lines.

Cooling Equipment

- ☐ Clear leaves and debris from around the exterior air-conditioning unit.
- ☐ Protect the top from falling ice only if recommended by the manufacturer; do not wrap the unit completely.
- ☐ If you have a heat pump, leave it uncovered and keep it clear of snow and ice.

Heating & Air Quality

- ☐ Replace the furnace filter and arrange an inspection if it is due.
- ☐ Arrange an insulation assessment if rooms feel drafty or difficult to heat.
- ☐ Clean the filters in the heat recovery ventilator (HRV), if applicable.
- ☐ Replace or clean the built-in humidifier pad and check its drain line.
- ☐ Set the humidifier to winter settings, if applicable.
- ☐ Adjust indoor humidity as temperatures drop; reduce it if condensation appears on windows and check hardwood flooring specs.
- ☐ Test smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors and replace batteries as needed.

Water & Interior

- ☐ Test the sump pump and confirm the discharge line is clear.
- ☐ Check plumbing fixtures, appliances and mechanical equipment for leaks or moisture.
- ☐ Inspect doors and windows for drafts or condensation.

NOTES / ITEMS TO FOLLOW UP ON

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General maintenance guide only. Consult a qualified professional when service or repair is required.

