

# FALL HOME MAINTENANCE



## There's more than leaves to clear. Complete the items from this checklist to assure your home is ready for fall!

- If your water heater is warm to the touch, it's wasting energy. Wrap it with a fiberglass insulation blanket and save money.
- Protect outdoor faucets from freezing by draining the water and closing off the supply valve that supplies the outdoor spigot.
- Make sure your home's fire extinguisher is ready in case of an emergency.
- Install foam gaskets behind electrical outlets to prevent energy leaks.
- Clean out gutters. Clogged gutters send rainwater down the sides of a house and it pools near the foundation. Clean gutters direct rainwater away and protects siding and masonry from water damage.
- Check siding, masonry and roof for cracks, leaks, damage and bird or squirrel nests. Repair before they become larger problems.
- Inspect chimneys for problems with masonry and consider having it professionally cleaned, especially if it hasn't been for a few years.
- Inspect caulk around windows and repair areas that may have become brittle, cracked, or pulled away from the surface.
- In warmer climates, fall is a great time to repair broken screens, paint your lanai or clean and seal walkways constructed from pavers.
- Fall is also an ideal time to fertilize the lawn. The roots will absorb the fertilizer and store up nutrients through the winter.

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