

Fall Maintenance Checklist

Follow these recommended tasks to ensure your home is in good shape for the months ahead.



HEATING AND COOLING

- ☐ Clean or replace furnace filters
- ☐ Lubricate fan and motor bearings (only where indicated)
- ☐ Vacuum dirt and dust from around the unit
- ☐ Have the system serviced prior to the start of the season

DOORS AND WINDOWS

- ☐ Inspect caulking for deterioration at the openings and joints between dissimilar materials (e.g...wood and masonry) especially at the top
- ☐ Check weather stripping and replace if necessary
- ☐ Remove screens if possible. Clean and store in a dry place

FIREPLACE & CHIMNEY

- ☐ Have the fireplace and chimney professionally inspected
- ☐ Have chimney cleaned if needed
- ☐ Check firebricks for damage or gaps
- ☐ Use binoculars to check chimney for loose, deteriorated or missing mortar or bricks
- ☐ Have gas fireplaces serviced

FOUNDATION AND EXTERIOR

- ☐ Inspect foundation walls and floors for cracking, heaving, spalling, deterioration or efflorescence
- ☐ Check for moisture or leaks in crawlspace or basement
- ☐ Check grading for proper slope away from the foundation
- ☐ Inspect all wood surfaces for weathering and paint failure
- ☐ Check brick and stucco surfaces for cracks
- ☐ Clear gutters and downspouts of leaves and other debris



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