



Fall Checklist For Your House

The changing season means your household routines change also – winter clothing is brought out, gardens are mulched. It is easy to overlook the preparation your house needs for the coming winter.

Concierge Home Services has prepared this checklist for you to help with your household management tasks. This is only a guide, and should not replace any advice you have received from your builder, contractor, or other professional.

Outside:

- Gutters:** Inspect and clean all gutters and downspouts.
- Gaps:** Check caulking around windows and doors. Follow manufacturer's recommendations to re-caulk if needed. Install weather stripping for better energy efficiency.
- Roof:** Visually inspect for any curling or cracked tiles or shingles which need a quick repair.
- Patio & Garden:** Clean all garden tools, lawn decorations, furniture, umbrellas, and children's toys. Shelter them in a shed or garage, or cover to protect from snow and ice.
- Water:** Drain and blow garden hoses and sprinklers so that they are free of water. Turn off outside taps.

Inside:

- Vents:** Check dryer exhaust tube and vent for built-up lint, debris, or bird nests. Ensure the exterior vent door closes tightly when not in use.
- Hearth:** Check fireplaces for soot or creosote build-up.
- Furnace:** Call a professional for a full inspection and cleaning of your heating system
- Filters:** Change or clean furnace filters. Have extra on hand to make winter changes quick and easy.
- Fire Safety:** Test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and replace batteries on all alarms. Check fire extinguishers and review fire safety plan with your family.
- Humidifier:** Clean and change filters.
- Mats:** To prevent accidents, place non-slip mats at the front door. Put out boot trays to collect salt runoff from footwear. This salt can easily damage carpet fibres and hardwood floors