

Fall is just around the corner, and it's time to get your house in shape for the colder months ahead.

Here are some home maintenance ideas that will keep your home running in peak condition all winter long.

Exterior	Yard and Garden
$\hfill\Box$ Check the foundation for cracks.	☐ Plant spring flowering bulbs.
$\hfill\square$ Repair peeling or blistering paint.	☐ Drain fuel from gas-operated lawn
☐ Inspect the roof for missing or loose shingles.	equipment. Reseed patchy areas of the lawn.
\square Repair and seal driveway.	☐ Clean and store summer garden
$\hfill \Box$ Clean gutters and downspouts.	tools.
 Caulk windows and weatherstrip doors. 	Drain hoses and shut off outdoor water valves.
☐ Remove and store screens.	☐ Fertilize the lawn.
☐ Install storm windows and doors.	☐ Ready snow removal equipment
Interior	Porch and Deck Area
$\hfill\square$ Have heating system checked.	☐ Check porch and deck supports,
\square Change batteries in smoke and CO	stairs and railings.
detectors.	☐ Clean and apply sealer to decks.
☐ Ready the fireplace.	Cover and store outdoor furniture, barbecues, etc.Empty dirt from flower pots and
Check windows for drafts, loose frames, or cracked panes.	· •
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