

LIST OF ALL HOME MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

HOUSE EXTERIOR

Wash your windows

Clean gutters/downspouts

Inspect your roof/foundation/siding; make needed repairs

Inspect windows/doors/frames; make needed repairs

Insulate any exposed pipes (such as in your crawl space)

Pressure wash the house exterior

Locate house water shut-off valve, know how to turn it off

Inspect home for critter entrances, block as needed

PROPERTY/YARD

Clean, and store or cover outdoor furniture

Add outdoor lighting around your home

Clean, winterize & store lawnmower, outdoor tools, and grill

Purchase and stack firewood

Rake leaves

Fertilize and reseed the lawn

Trim and prune trees and shrubs

Drain and turn off your sprinkler system

Move cold-sensitive patio accessories inside

Turn off exterior faucets

Relocate potted plants indoors/compost; clean & store pots

Drain and store outdoor hose

Eliminate walking/snow shoveling hazards on outdoor paths, porch, steps, sidewalk, deck, patio

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Shampoo carpets

Clean the dryer vent

Wash area and throw rugs

Clean and dust baseboards throughout the home

Clean your refrigerator, freezer, and pantry

Declutter and dispose of the items appropriately

Purchase winter food supplies that can be stocked in advance

Purchase household basics that can be stocked in advance

Wash and rehang curtains

Dust blinds and shades

Review and practice your fire escape plan with the entire family

Give your oven a thorough cleaning

Wash bed pillows, comforters, and mattress pads

Vacuum under couches & beds; vacuum upholstered furniture

Switch lightweight bedding & sheets to winter-weight items

Flip or rotate all mattresses

Dust ceiling fans; reverse direction to blow warm air downward

Add weather stripping to seal gaps in window & door frames

Replace summer screens with storm windows and doors

Remove and store window air conditioner units

Vacuum radiators, baseboard heaters, and grates

Deep clean the kitchen to prepare for heavy winter use

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- Check that attic insulation is thick & even, but not blocking vents
- Dispose appropriately of paint cans, other hazardous materials
- Gather shovels, scrapers, snow blower, emergency kits
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fireextinguisher, & flashlights; replace batteries

HIRE A PROFESSIONAL

- Furnace or boiler inspection
- Roof inspection
- Chimney cleaning
- Set up snow shoveling contract
- Pool closed down & covered

ADD YOUR OWN