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Fall Maintenance Tips



Basement Maintenance:

- Check for cracks in the foundation and look for "Ledging"
- Look for leakage or seepage in the basement
- Check the electrical panel for overheating
- Check the Sump Pump operation, and be sure it is discharging 5+' from home
- Change batteries and test Smoke & CO2 detectors throughout the house
- Have Furnace cleaned and checked, make sure filter is clean
- Shut off exterior Hose Bibs and disconnect hoses

Interior Maintenance:

- Clean Windows, Check Caulk & Weather-stripping, make necessary repairs
- Have Wood Burning Chimneys cleaned and inspected
- Make sure heat vents are not obstructed and cold air returns set properly
- Test all Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters
- Clean or replace hood fan filter
- Vacuum coils on Refrigerator
- Reverse Ceiling Fan direction
- Check joints in all Tile and Laminated surfaces
- Check the condition of all Lamp Cords and Extension Cords
- Remove Window Air Conditioners

Exterior Maintenance:

- Clean out Window Wells, and make sure they are properly maintained
- Inspect the Exterior Grade to make sure there is proper drainage around house
- Clean and inspect Gutters & Downspouts (down spouts should drain 5+' from foundation)
- Inspect Roof for Damaged Shingles & remove any branches or debris
- Inspect Roof Vents on outside and in the attic to make sure they are free from obstructions
- Inspect Chimney for damage, make sure Rain Caps and Vermin Screens are securely attached. Inspect and caulk cracks in Concrete Chimney Caps
- Make sure Overhead Wires are secure and clear from obstructions
- Test Overhead Garage Doors and make sure they are functioning properly. Test Auto Reverse features, and lubricate Rollers and Hinges
- Inspect Exterior Walls and Foundation for wear, holes and cracks
- Inspect Driveways, Walk Ways, Patios, Decks and Porches for wear, damage or trip hazards



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