

# Autumn Home Maintenance Checklist:

## ✓ Outdoor Tasks

- Clean and store outdoor grills, furniture, and cushions
- Winterize your outdoor kitchen
- Check chimney and roof for cracks and damage
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Rake leaves and shred to use as mulch or dispose of them based on local guidelines
  - [Montgomery County Yard Waste Guidelines](#)
  - [Washington, D.C. Yard Waste Guidelines](#)
- Trim any tree limbs that are dangerously close to power lines or the roof of your house
- Cut and fertilize your lawn
- Remove hoses from spigots and drain. Store them indoors, coiled and flat
- Winterize your sprinkler system
- Close or install storm windows
- Test snow blower and have it serviced if necessary
- Empty out unused fuel from any gas-powered equipment

## ✓ Indoor Tasks

- Check Fireplace
- Clean kitchen and bathroom cabinets and throw away outdated food, medicine, cleaning supplies, and cosmetics
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when you set clocks back in the fall
- Check windows and doors for weather-tightness and install weather stripping where it's needed
- Change your furnace filter and consider having it professionally inspected