



FALL HOME MAINTENANCE

- Check and clean or replace furnace air filters each month during the heating season. Ventilation system, for example heat recovery ventilator. Have fireplace or woodstove and chimney cleaned and serviced as needed.
- Check smoke, carbon monoxide and security alarms and replace batteries.
- Examine the foundation walls for cracks, leaks or signs of moisture, and repair as required. Repair and paint fences as necessary.
- Ensure sump pump is operating properly before the spring thaw sets in. Ensure discharge pipe is connected and allows water to drain away from the foundation.
- Check eaves troughs and downspouts for loose joints and secure attachments to your home, clear any obstructions, and ensure water flows away from your foundation.
- Clear all drainage ditches and culverts of debris.
- Monitor basement humidity and avoid relative humidity levels above 60 percent. Use a dehumidifier to maintain safe relative humidity. Clean or replace air conditioning filter; and wash or replace ventilation system filters (HRV) if necessary.
- Vacuum bathroom fan grille.
- Check security of all guardrails and handrails.
- Inspect window putty on outside of glass panes and replace if needed.
- Check and replace damaged caulking and weather stripping around doorways and windows, including the doorway between the garage and the house.