



# Fall Checklist



## HOME - INTERIOR

- Tune up heating system
- Clean garbage disposal (1/2 cup of baking soda into the disposal, followed by a cup of white vinegar. Once bubbles subside, pour in a pot of boiling water and let it sit for five minutes. Run cold water and turn it on.)
- Have your fireplace and chimney checked
- Dust and change the direction of ceiling fans
- Check smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and carbon monoxide detectors
- Wash windows and vacuum curtains/dust blinds
- Clean walls
- Dust off refrigerator condenser coil
- Clean out bedroom closets and switch out clothes for the season
- Turn mattresses and launder all bedding
- Pull out winter coats – check sizes, condition, and dry clean or wash
- Check supply of hats, gloves, scarves and make a list of needed items

## OFFICE

- Dust off computer (tower, keyboard, monitor)
- Update calendar for next few months and create a list of gifts to buy
- Create a file for Christmas (to-do's, want-to-do's, gifts, budget, recipes, traditions)
- Tackle summer photos – delete unwanted, file, print, or create a photo book of the rest
- Sort any paper stacks into file or shred piles and handle appropriately

## HOME - EXTERIOR

- Check roof and flashing seals around vent stacks and chimneys for any leaks
- Clean gutters
- Disconnect hoses and turn off exterior water sources
- Trim tree limbs
- Store firewood
- Winterize lawn equipment and store
- Clean and store patio furniture
- Fertilize and reseed yard
- Clean light fixtures
- Check the condition of the snow blower

## FAMILY

- Take family photos in the gorgeous leaves (possible Christmas card!)
- Plan Halloween (select costumes, schedule activities, identify what you need to buy/make)
- Plan Thanksgiving (who's hosting, travel dates, menu, etc.)
- Make leaf art

## CAR

- Check tires (condition and pressure)
- Check wipers
- Check battery
- Check antifreeze level (Note: not always necessary to do a flush and fill if you follow a regular maintenance schedule)
- Create a simple survival guide for car

ENJOY  
THE SEASON

- Visit a pumpkin patch
- Make caramel apples or apple pie
- Decorate for fall

