



Getting Ready for Winter

With the fall season already here and winter fast approaching, we want to bring up some tips on preparing your home.

1. Clean out all gutters and downspouts with any debris including leaves, sticks, etc.
2. Check out your roof for any damaged shingles, loose or missing flashing, nail pops, missing shingles etc. Have a qualified roofer repair as needed.
3. Repair or replace any damaged windows.
4. Check and replace any loose caulking and weather strip around windows, doors and utility penetrations.
5. Clean out dryer exhaust.
6. Change the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Add new ones as needed.
7. Detach all garden hoses from hose bibs (outside faucets) and turn off the water inside for each if access is available.
8. Check all GFCI receptacles and replace as needed. Make sure that they have the correct cover and that the covers seal against the side of the box.
9. Check drainage around outside home and maintain a positive grade away from the side of the house.
10. If you have a fireplace, have a chimney sweep clean the flue and verify that the fireplace is ready for winter.
11. Have HV AC technician check out your furnace and verify that it's ready to go. Change furnace filters as needed
12. Check all fire extinguishers for proper charge and replace as needed.
13. If you have any LP or natural gas appliances, (stove, water heater, furnace, etc.) have a carbon monoxide test performed.

A couple of recommended tips to make it safer and more enjoyable around your home.

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