

Fall Home Maintenance Checklist for Alberta Winters

Get your home ready before the first cold snap: roof to basement, inside and out.

Tip: spread these over a few weekends from late September to early November. Tick each box as you go, and stick this on the fridge.

1 Outside

- ☐ Inspect roof, shingles and flashing
- ☐ Trim branches over the roof
- ☐ Clean and flush gutters
- ☐ Extend downspouts 1.5 to 2 m from the foundation
- ☐ Check grading and seal foundation cracks
- ☐ Clear and cover window wells

2 Water

- ☐ Disconnect hoses and shut off outdoor taps
- ☐ Blow out the sprinkler system
- ☐ Insulate exposed pipes
- ☐ Locate the main water shut-off
- ☐ Test the sump pump

3 Heating & Safety

- ☐ Book furnace service
- ☐ Replace the furnace filter
- ☐ Clear furnace intake and exhaust vents
- ☐ Service the humidifier and HRV
- ☐ Sweep the chimney and service the gas fireplace
- ☐ Test smoke and CO alarms

4 Sealing Up

- ☐ Caulk windows and replace weatherstripping
- ☐ Check door sweeps and the garage door seal
- ☐ Check attic insulation and seal air leaks

5 Yard & Garage

- ☐ Rake leaves and give the lawn a final cut
- ☐ Water and wrap trees
- ☐ Store patio furniture, hoses and pots
- ☐ Stake driveway and walkway edges
- ☐ Service the snowblower and stock up on ice melt
- ☐ Winter tires and vehicle emergency kit

6 Emergency & Insurance

- ☐ Build a 72-hour emergency kit
- ☐ Review your home insurance and vacancy clause
- ☐ Line up snow removal help if you'll be away

Notes & contractor bookings:

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