



Fall Property Maintenance Checklist 1/2

Fall may be the perfect time for you to enjoy outdoor activities, but this perfect weather will soon be gone. Take care of pre-winter home maintenance now, so you won't have regrets later. Follow these quick and easy home maintenance tips to prepare your house for the cold season ahead. If you require assistance with any of your maintenance needs ask for a Vision Real Estate property contractor.

Weatherproof windows and doors

Seal gaps larger than 1/8 inch around windows and doors to cut your winter heating bill by up to 15 percent. Use adhesive-backed closed-cell foam on windows and foam strips on the sides and top of doors, and install a door sweep on the bottom.

Check your gutters

Make sure gutters are clean of debris and that water is properly directed out the downspout.

Fix cracked concrete

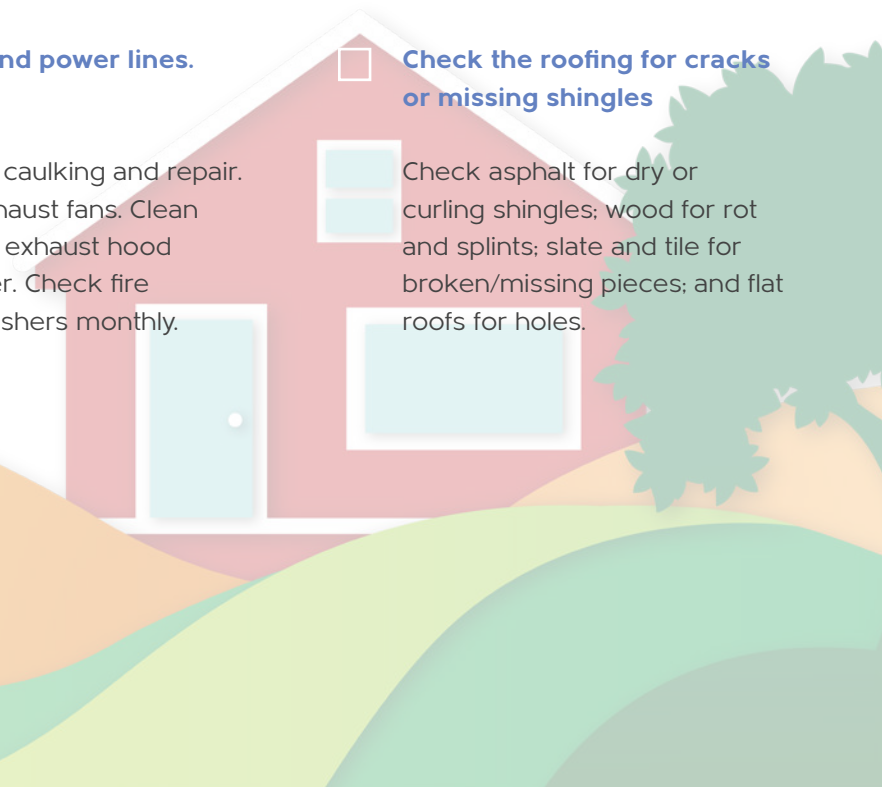
Cracks in your driveway, walkway and steps are a safety issue, and will only worsen if water seeps into them and freezes in the winter. You can caulk and fix concrete if the area is clean and dry. For smaller cracks, squeeze acrylic latex concrete repair compound into the crack, smoothing excess with a putty knife. Use a vinyl concrete patching compound for larger cracks, and let it cure for one day before walking on it, three days before driving over it.

Trees and power lines.

Inspect caulking and repair. Test exhaust fans. Clean kitchen exhaust hood and filter. Check fire extinguishers monthly.

Check the roofing for cracks or missing shingles

Check asphalt for dry or curling shingles; wood for rot and splints; slate and tile for broken/missing pieces; and flat roofs for holes.





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Check the attic

Look around the attic space during daylight hours, with the lights turned off. Check for holes in the roofing and keep an eye out for animal activity or entry points for animals.

Ceiling Fans

If you have ceiling fans, change their rotation clockwise (by flicking a switch on the base) to push warm air down. Clean debris and dust from fan's blades.

Garden and planting beds

Mulch around your bulbs, shrubs, roses and trees to prevent any drastic changes in soil temperature from destroying the root systems of these plants.

Lawn mower and garden tools

Run the gas out of the mower for storage, change the oil and check the spark plug. Clean garden tools and give them a light coat of oil to protect them from rust.

Drain the water

Drain the garden hose, coil it up and hang it up where it won't freeze or crack. If you have a sprinkler system, drain it, and shut off the water to prevent pipes from freezing.

Property Notes

Need a specialist?

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