

A TIP FROM THE HOUSING CENTER

Fall Checklist for your HOME

- Close and drain all outside hoses
- Trim any trees or shrubs that touch the house or roof
- Rake debris away from the side of the house, air conditioner and other structures
- Clean out gutters and downspout elbows
- Clean all gaps between deck boards
- Note cracks in foundation, brick or stucco
- Repair caulk around exterior surfaces, if needed
- Inspect and clean screens, storm windows and doors
- Clean out basement window wells and check for leaks
- Inspect and replace weather-stripping, if needed
- Have septic tank pumped, if needed
- Inspect fireplace flues for “glassy” creosote buildup and look for cracks or deterioration on fireplace firebrick and mortar
- Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Vacuum smoke alarms, heating registers, vents, ducts and radiators
- Clean kitchen exhaust fan filters
- Check heating system air filter and replace, if needed
- Complete a general furnace inspection, looking for rust, scaling on heat exchanger, and proper flame color. Note odd sounds or smells
- Check all drains in the house, by pouring water down them, clean them if needed