



# Reminders For Fall/Winter Home Maintenance

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Owning a home can be a dream come true. But without regular maintenance, your home can become a nightmare. As part of Stewart Title Company's commitment to providing a better experience, we've created this fall-maintenance checklist. Use it to ensure your home remains your haven all winter long.

## OUTSIDE

- Add new mulch to flower beds to prevent weeds. Fertilize the lawn and cut back any plants that go dormant in winter.
- Repair and clean out any loose gutters and downspouts.
- Check insulation on pipes and purchase pipe covers for potential freezes.
- If your home has underground sprinklers, blow out the water in the pipes to prevent residual water from freezing and damaging the piping.
- Put a screen on dryer vents leading outside. This will deter any small animals from seeking warmth in your home.

- Winterize all gas-powered lawn equipment. For example, put stabilizer in lawn mowers.
- Purchase any tools needed for removing snow or ice, and put reflectors along the driveway to facilitate snow removal.

## INSIDE

- Change air filters in HVAC system and return-air registers.
- Have your furnace serviced to make sure it's running safely.
- Open and clean out the chimney flue.
- Check batteries in fire and smoke alarms and in carbon monoxide detectors. Recharge or replace fire extinguishers.
- Check weather stripping around doors and windows, and add insulation or caulking where needed.