



Fall Checklist

The weather during Ontario’s Fall months is often unpredictable, so we suggest taking advantage of any warmer days to complete the Winter Prep on the exterior of your home. When the weather doesn’t allow for outside prep, we suggest doing the “odd jobs” inside, like finalizing any clutter cleaning and doing a once-over of all rooms for minor damages. This is the time to fix the small things—change lightbulbs, tighten cabinet knobs, wipe the baseboards—you’ll thank yourself for it later.

Prep for Winter

- ✓ Check garage door tracks and lubricate bearings
- ✓ Check fireplace and chimney, clean if needed
- ✓ Winterize landscaping near the end of the season (before the first frost)
- ✓ Shut off and purge exterior water taps
- ✓ Replace furnace filter
- ✓ Wash or replace HRV filter
- ✓ Clean the interior of the sump pit of dirt and debris. Test float switch for pump
- ✓ Inspect floor drains, unused showers and vanities to ensure traps are filled with water

Exterior Check

- ✓ Look over shingles for broken or damaged ones
- ✓ Check exterior finishes (brick, siding) for cracks or mortar issues
- ✓ Check clothes dryer vent and remove lint if needed
- ✓ Check window wells and drains to ensure they are free and clear
- ✓ Check seals around exterior windows and doors for air or water leaks

Stay Safe and Proactive

- ✓ Test smoke alarms
- ✓ Test carbon monoxide detectors
- ✓ Ensure locks and security systems are working correctly