

# 5 Home maintenance tips for fall

When you're a homeowner, "winter is coming" takes on a whole new meaning. Take advantage of temperate fall days to prepare your home for the chill that lies ahead. Here's a short list of to-dos to get you started. Remember, there's no shame in hiring professionals to pick up where your ability or availability may leave off!

## 1 Take it from the top

Inspect your roof for damaged, loose, blistering or missing shingles.

## 2 Give your chimney a checkup

Look for blockage, built-up residue, bird nests and wayward squirrels.

## 3 Get your mind on your gutters

Look for leaking, misaligned or damaged gutters, downspouts, hangers, gutter guards and strainers. Clean out leaves and debris.

## 4 Don't be rough around the edges

Repair or replace decaying caulking and withered weather stripping around doors and windows.

## 5 Pamper your pipes

Prevent your pipes from freezing! Drain exterior water lines. Disconnect hoses. Turn off the water supply to hose bibbs and open the bibbs.

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