Fall Maintenance Tips

Fall Home Maintenance

Basement Maintenance:

- ❒ Check for cracks in the foundation and look for "Ledging"
- ❒ Look for leakage or seepage in the basement
- ❒ Check the electrical panel for overheating
- ❒ Check the Sump Pump operation, and be sure it is discharging 5+' from home
- ❒ Change batteries and test Smoke & CO2 detectors throughout the house
- ❒ Have Furnace cleaned and checked, make sure filter is clean
- ❒ Shut off exterior Hose Bibs and disconnect hoses

Interior Maintenance:

- ❒ Clean Windows, Check Caulk & Weather-stripping, make necessary repairs
- ❒ Have Wood Burning Chimneys cleaned and inspected
- ❒ Make sure heat vents are not obstructed and cold air returns set properly
- ❒ Test all Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters
- ❒ Clean or replace hood fan filter
- ❒ Vacuum coils on Refrigerator
- ❒ Reverse Ceiling Fan direction
- ❒ Check joints in all Tile and Laminated surfaces
- ❒ Check the condition of all Lamp Cords and Extension Cords
- ❒ Remove Window Air Conditioners

Exterior Maintenance:

- ❒ Clean out Window Wells, and make sure they are properly maintained
- ❒ Inspect the Exterior Grade to make sure there is proper drainage around house
- ❒ Clean and inspect Gutters & Downspouts (down spouts should drain 5+' from foundation)
- ❒ Inspect Roof for Damaged Shingles & remove any branches or debris
- ❒ Inspect Roof Vents on outside and in the attic to make sure they are free from obstructions
- ❒ Inspect Chimney for damage, make sure Rain Caps and Vermin Screens are securely attached. Inspect and caulk cracks in Concrete Chimney Caps
- ❒ Make sure Overhead Wires are secure and clear from obstructions
- ❒ Test Overhead Garage Doors and make sure they are functioning properly. Test Auto Reverse features, and lubricate Rollers and Hinges
- ❒ Inspect Exterior Walls and Foundation for wear, holes and cracks
- ❒ Inspect Driveways, Walk Ways, Patios, Decks and Porches for wear, damage or trip hazards