

The Big List of Fall Cleaning

Inside—Clean

- * wash summer draperies
- * wash summer bedding
- * swap clothing from summer to winter
- * vacuum chairs & sofas
- * move refrigerator & clean heating coils
- * wash globes on light fixtures
- * wash the shower curtain

Inside—Management

- * change to thicker drapes in winter to save on heat costs
- * change to warmer bedding
- * make a list of winter clothing items needed
- * purge summer clothes before packing away
- * schedule carpet cleaning
- * check furnace filters
- * buy a seasons worth of furnace filters
- * schedule a furnace check/tune up
- * check humidifier elements & schedule any repairs or replacements
- * check washer hoses for bulges or cracks
- * clean out dryer exhaust hose & make sure vent closes tightly
- * check smoke & CO detectors
- * put new batteries in smoke & CO detectors
- * check doors & windows for draftiness or other disrepair. Schedule a time to fix, if necessary.
- * make a list of upgrades or repairs for this season or next spring/summer
- * start planning for holidays (try [100 Days to Christmas](#) for a activity or task a day to make your holidays stress-free AND fun)

Outside—Clean

- * clean grill
- * clean outdoor toys
- * clean outdoor furniture before storing
- * clean outside of windows & doors
- * clean screens
- * rake/blow/burn leaves
- * clean yard of trash, toys, leaves and branches

Outside—Management

- * winterize the lawn mower
- * winterize any other stored item necessary (boats, campers, etc.)
- * winterize the garden or wrap delicate plants/bushes
- * move or split plants
- * plant spring blooming bulbs
- * put away outdoor furniture
- * put away grill
- * put away hoses & sprinklers
- * purge broken toys & put away clean ones
- * put away any other outdoor items
- * check outdoor lights & replace burned out ones
- * make a list of upgrades or repairs for this season or next spring/summer
- * reorganize garage before it gets too cold to be out there, if necessary
- * make sure winter sports gear is accessible (skis, skates, tubes, sleds, snowman gear, etc)
- * check to be sure winter gear is ready for use (car scrapers, shovels, snow blowers, de-icer/salt, etc)
- * schedule a tune-up for the snowblower or hire your snow plowing guy
- * put in sidewalk & driveway stakes