

Fall Into These Home Projects

The air may be getting cooler, but there's still time to take care of some household projects before the winter weather sets in.

Here are a few suggestions for fall tasks that could save money this winter and beyond.

- Clean, or possibly replace, gutters. Gutters that do not work properly or are clogged can cause flooding or interior/exterior damage.
- Check for drafts. Heat loss through windows is responsible for 25-30 % of heating energy use, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Weatherstripping is the most cost-effective way to keep heating costs down.
- Drain outdoor faucets, including all garden hoses from outside spigots, to prevent any water freezing. Not doing this can result in burst pipes.
- Preserve outdoor furniture. Store furniture in a garage, shed, or basement to keep it from enduring the elements, or use a waterproof cover.
- Fix driveway cracks. When water gets into cracks it freezes, expands, and can make a crack even bigger. Enough small cracks can turn into big cracks, and eventually the concrete can crumble. Use concrete crack sealer to fill in any problem areas.
- Change filters. Clogged or dirty filters make it harder to maintain a consistent temperature, which can increase heating bills. Clean filters monthly by vacuuming if possible and replace as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Fertilize the lawn. To keep grass looking great in the spring and summer, fall and winter work is needed.
- Test winter equipment. Ensure that snow blowers and even manual shovels are in proper working order.
- Change all batteries. That includes smoke detectors, carbon monoxide devices, and any other item that may be needed in an emergency.
- Clean chimneys. While this hard-to-complete task may look easy, it may be best to hire a professional to climb onto the roof and use the proper personal protective equipment.
- Clear hot water radiators and steam radiator vents. Release trapped air and allow hot water into the cold fins by turning the small valve that is likely toward the top. Have a cup or bowl nearby to catch excess water.
- Finish outdoor painting. Many paints struggle to dry or adhere properly when the temperature drops below 50 degrees.

Get The Dirt On Yard Waste

Yard waste collection runs from April until early December on regular collection days.

- Place yard waste curbside in green top cart or biodegradable paper bags
- Remove dirt, stones, and litter
- Close bags by folding them top down
- No sticker is necessary during collection season
- Leaves in plastic bags will NOT be collected
- To ensure timely collection, please limit the amount of bags put out weekly

Acceptable Yard Waste: leaves, grass clippings, small branches under four inches in diameter, brush, plants, flowers, roots, shrubbery, hedge and tree trimmings, and sawdust

NOT Acceptable: food, fruits and vegetables, tree limbs over four inches in diameter, tree stumps, firewood, soil, sod, dirt, lumber, construction material, plastic bags, plastic toys, garden hoses, flower pots, scrap metal, auto parts, oil, tires, rocks, bricks, concrete chunks, excrement, and synthetic material



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