



WINTER-PROOF YOUR HOME TIPS

FALL HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

PREPARE YOUR HOME & SAVE ON ENERGY BILLS



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1. Inspect Roof For Storm Damage:

Missing shingles, cracked flashing, or leaks can lead to mold, structural issues, and costly interior repairs. Asphalt and metal roofing options provide long-term protection against New England weather.

2. Check Attic For Hidden Roof Leaks:

Water stains, mold, or damp insulation point to roof damage. Early detection protects your home's structure and energy efficiency.

3. Check Gutters and Roof Edges:

Clogged gutters cause siding rot and foundation damage, while granule loss signals aging shingles. Tend to fallen leaves in yard and gutters.

4. Look for Signs of Pest Damage:

Termites target rotting siding and leaky windows. Fiber cement and vinyl siding help prevent infestations and costly repairs.

5. Check Siding: Loose, faded, warped, or bubbled siding allows in moisture—leading to mold, rot, and energy loss. Vinyl & James Hardie® siding offers unmatched durability for coastal climates.

6. Inspect Old Windows: Sticky sashes, condensation, or wood rot mean your windows are under-performing. Replace deteriorating frames and windows for energy efficiency and comfort. ENERGY STAR® windows can lower energy bills by around 12% and boost year-round comfort.

7. Clean & Examine Doors: Fix squeaky hinges, drafts, or worn hardware to boost security and efficiency. Fiberglass doors resist rot and harsh weather.

8. Check your energy bills: Are your energy bills high? If so, this is a sign that your house's thermal envelope is not adequately sealed. This will result in hot air entering during the summer and cold air during the winter.

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