

## FALL HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

### HOME HEATING SYSTEMS

- Replace air filter. Install MERV 8 to 11.
- Schedule fall maintenance for furnace or heat pump.
- Program thermostat. For furnace, turn down heat automatically at night and when away.
- Clean ducts. (Optional)

### IN YOUR ATTIC

- Look for signs of animal activity. Look for broken screens, missing or torn insulation.
- Check for leaks. Check holes in roofing, damp spots in insulation, stains on ceilings.
- Clear debris from vents. Be sure ridge vents and vents at eaves are free of plants and debris.

### PLUMBING

- Drain the water heater. This removes sediment that can cause damage.
- Check for leaks and signs of corrosion. Look at all exposed pipes.

### GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS

- Keep gutters and downspouts clear.
- Look for pooling water. Downspouts should direct water at least 10 feet from foundation.

### EXTERIOR

- Inspect your siding. Look for peeling paint, missing brick or mortar, cracked stucco, or stains.
- Pay attention to the foundation. Examine the foundation for cracks and bulges.
- Look at windows and doors: Is there damage to frames, weather stripping or caulking?
- Check the roof. Are there cracks, missing shingles, or crumbling pieces? What about moss?