

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 car dry or 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/low/trim leaves
- clean yard of trash, toys, leaves and branches

Outside—Management

- winterize the lawn mower
- winterize any other stored items 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-ice/salt, etc)
- schedule a tune-up for the snowblower or hire your snow plowing guy
- put in sidewalk & driveway stakes