

## Use this handy CHECKLIST to get your home ready for fall and winter!

## **FALL HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST**

Ш	Cut back perennials
	Empty flower pots and store in basement/garage/shed
	Clean up garden
	Inspect/remove dead or loose tree limbs
	Drain/close garden pond
	Rake/compost leaves
	Clean out debris from gutters/eavestroughs
	Plant spring bulbs
	Cover flower beds with mulch – cover small bushes/hedges in need of winter protection
	Cut grass for the final time this season – winterize lawnmower
	Fertilize lawn
	Empty hoses and turn off water to outside taps
	Close swimming pool
	Clean out garage in order to park cars inside
	Dispose of used paint/chemicals/oil through local household hazardous waste program
	Clean barbecue – even if used during winter
	Have furnace inspected/serviced and replace filter
	Have chimney inspected/cleaned if you have a fireplace/wood stove
	Order/pick up/stack firewood
	Inspect weather-stripping around doors
	Replace screens with storm windows and doors
	Inspect/service snow removal equipment
	Check/replace batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
	Put up Christmas lights – Please don't turn them on yet!