

Fall Maintenance

Here is a list of our recommendations to help you settle into your home for a smooth winter.

OUTSIDE

- Rake leaves and aerate the lawn
- Fertilize the lawn to help prevent winter damage
- Empty the fuel from summer lawn equipment to prepare for nonuse
- Unhook, drain, and store hoses
- Winterize the sprinkler system
- Wrap insulation around outdoor faucets and pipes in unheated garages
- Protect outdoor furniture
- Check driveway/pavement for cracks
- Check your winter gear supply - ice melting products, snow shovels
- Clean and prepare the snow blower
- Inspect roofing for missing, loose, or damaged shingles and leaks
- Power wash windows and siding
- Clean dryer vents
- Inspect drainage to ensure that water is flowing away from the house
- Remove leaves and debris from gutters, downspouts, and window wells
- Check water softener; add salt if needed

INSIDE

- Give your house a deep clean
- Run water and flush toilets in unused spaces
- Flush the water heater and remove sediment
- Test your water heater's pressure relief valve
- Winterize air conditioning systems
- Have the furnace cleaned and serviced
- Check for drafts: replace dry or damaged weather stripping on all doors and windows

- Vacuum heat registers and heat vents
- Test the sump pump in your basement
- Get the chimney cleaned
- Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Clean garbage disposal by grinding ice cubes, then flushing with hot water and baking soda

Help from Inleit:

Let us know if you would like more information on completing any of these tasks. We can recommend preferred contractors and would be more than happy to help coordinate the projects for you.