

Before Fall is Over Checklist

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As Albertans, we know that fall could last for one week, or for three months (or, in this year's case for one day, then go to winter, then come back for a while, then feel like spring, then come back again...) Unfortunately, we are, once again, going to be the bearer of bad news and remind you of some home maintenance you should do before the end of fall (whenever that may be). But don't get too upset – we also included some things we think you should do for fun.

Maintenance

- Clean the Eavestrough** – but wait until all the leaves have fallen or else you are going to have to do it twice
- Take the Screens Out of the Windows** – This reduces condensation and prevents ice build-up
- Check the Weather Stripping** – And replace as necessary
- Shut Off Exterior Water Sources** – And store the hoses
- Repair the Roof** – Anywhere that has some wear-and-tear

Some Tidying Up

- Tidy the Lawn** – Which includes yard maintenance like raking the leaves, as well as putting away your tools, barbeque, and lawn mower
- Keep Your Furnace Fan Running** – As often as possible to diminish condensation
- Turn on the Pilot Lights** – To get your fireplace ready to keep you cozy
- Check Your Safety Devices** – Especially since you will be running so many heat sources
- Pull Out Your Winter Gear** – You don't want to be scrambling for everything on the first big snowfall

Don't Forget to Enjoy

- ❑ **Backyard Fire** – Don't forget your s'mores ingredients!
- ❑ **Cook** – Make sure you get all the best fall smells in your home at least once: apple, pumpkin, turkey... Delicious!
- ❑ **Host a Grey Cup Party** – or Superbowl if you prefer
- ❑ **Curl Up with a Good Book** – Or watch a good movie, or play a fun game... All we're saying is you deserve to lie on the couch for a full lazy afternoon this fall (preferable on a weekly basis)
- ❑ **Take a Photo for Your Christmas Card** – This could be especially nice if it coincides with the day you rake up all the leaves

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