



## How to Prepare Your Home for Fall

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**COLDWELL BANKER**  
BROKERS OF THE VALLEY

## **IN THE GARDEN**

- ♦ Remove any dead or dying limbs (year round)
- ♦ Trim back plants from against the house (September)
- ♦ Prune shrubs and trees (mid-October)
- ♦ Close the pool (mid-October early November)
- ♦ Clean and cover or store patio furniture (November)

## **AROUND THE HOUSE**

- ♦ Clean out the gutters and downspouts (October—November)
- ♦ Rake leaves and aerate your lawn ( October—November )
- ♦ Check all weather stripping around your doors & windows, replace if needed. (October)
- ♦ Check the roof and repair any holes or loose shingles: check all flashing and replace any failed sealant (October)
- ♦ Check exterior caulking around windows, wiring, and plumbing (October)
- ♦ Fix any peeling paint on the exterior (September—October)
- ♦ Clean exterior windows and screens (October)

## **INSIDE THE HOUSE**

- ♦ Have your wood burning fireplace inspected and cleaned professionally (October)
- ♦ Have your HVAC system serviced (October)
- ♦ Check all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, replace batteries if needed (September)
- ♦ Reverse your fans—if they turn clockwise , they'll circulate the warm air ( October )
- ♦ Clean your carpets (September)
- ♦ Vacuum lint from the dryer vent ( October )
- ♦ Change your air filters (September)
- ♦ Check water heater for leaks ( October )

**THESE ARE JUST A FEW IDEAS AND MAINTENANCE REMINDERS TO CARE FOR YOUR HOME.**

**We recommend hiring a professional home inspector if you are not able to assess all areas of your home. If you would like a recommendation to any service provider, contractor or inspector please let us know.**

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