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# FALL HANDYMAN CHECKLIST

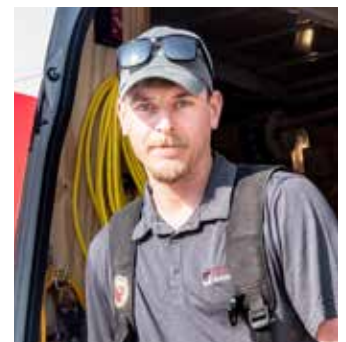
*With every season, we look ahead to how our home and yard need to change to deal with the upcoming weather. Whether you're planning far ahead or it's already halfway through fall, a handyman can help you get your home ready for winter. This fall handyman checklist will ensure your home is in top shape before the snow starts falling.*

## WHAT IS A HANDYMAN?

A handyman is a skilled tradesperson who can perform a variety of minor home repairs and maintenance tasks. Handymen are often called upon to do small jobs you are unable to do yourself or ones you just haven't gotten around to yet. These tasks can be as small as fixing a leaky faucet or changing a lightbulb, or as large as fixing drywall.

Fall is a great time to schedule a handyman, since the dropping temperatures mean it is time to start putting away your gardening supplies and outdoor furniture and get ready for the cold months ahead. A handyman can help with any seasonal-related tasks like sealing up any cracks or gaps that could let in drafts, and almost any other winter prep chore you could think of, as well as any other odds and ends around your home.

Before your handyman arrive, review this fall handyman checklist to help you brainstorm how to make the best use of their time.



# USING A HANDYMAN AROUND THE YARD

## ☐ CLEANING GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS.

One important job around your house to prepare for winter is to have your gutters and downspouts cleaned. Leaves and other debris can quickly clog your gutters, which can lead to ice dams forming on your roof. Ice dams can cause serious damage, so it's important to make sure your gutters are clean and clear before winter arrives.

This job may need to be done multiple times throughout autumn as long as the leaves continue to fall from trees. Your handyman can quickly and easily clean your gutters and downspouts. If you find your gutters are getting clogged too often, contact us about installing gutter guards to prevent this in the future.

## ☐ COVER AND STORE PATIO FURNITURE.

Outdoor furniture is a big investment, so you'll want to make sure it's properly protected from the elements once you are done using it for the year. Your handyman can help you cover and store your patio furniture, and also winterize your outdoor grill so it'll be ready to go next season.



## ☐ DISCONNECT AND STORE GARDEN HOSES.

Another important fall task in the yard is to disconnect and store your garden hoses. If you leave them connected, they can freeze and burst, which can cause serious damage. Your handyman can help you safely disconnect and store your garden hoses, and they can also help you winterize your outdoor faucets so they don't freeze over the winter.

## ☐ INSPECT FOR CRITTER ENTRY POINTS.

As the weather gets colder, animals such as squirrels and racoons will be looking for a warm place to nest for the winter. Your home might look like the perfect place to them, but you don't want them taking up residence in your attic or garage.

Your handyman can help you inspect your home for any potential entry points these critters could use to get in, and seal up any cracks or gaps they find. This will help keep uninvited guests out of your home all year long.

## ☐ COVER A/C UNITS.

If you have central air conditioning, it's important to cover the unit once you stop using it for the season. A covered air conditioner will be protected from the elements and will last longer, so it's a good idea to have your handyman cover your unit.

# HANDYMAN TASKS INSIDE THE HOME

## □ INSPECT WINDOW AND DOOR WEATHER STRIPPING.

It's important to make sure your windows and doors are properly sealed no matter what the season. If there are any cracks or gaps around your windows or doors, cold air can easily enter your home, which can lead to uncomfortable drafts and higher heating and cooling bills. Make sure you ask your handyman to check if your weather stripping is sealed properly. If not, they can repair or replace it for you.

## □ REVERSE CEILING FAN DIRECTION.

You might not think about it, but the direction your ceiling fan is spinning makes a big difference in how effective it is for the current temperature. In the summer, you want your ceiling fan to spin counterclockwise so it will push cool air down into the room. But in the colder weather, you want your ceiling fan to spin clockwise so it will pull the warm air up towards the ceiling. This will help circulate the warm air and keep your home more comfortable.

You can easily change the direction of your ceiling fan yourself, but if you're not sure how, or you don't feel comfortable doing it, your handyman can help.

## □ CLEAN DEBRIS FROM WINDOW WELLS.

If you have window wells, it's important to keep them clean and clear of debris. If they're full of leaves and other debris, they can trap water, which can lead to flooding or freezing. Make sure you ask your handyman to clean out your window wells so they drain properly.



## □ INSPECT SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.

It's also a good idea to have your handyman check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. These are important safety devices, and you want to make sure they're in good working condition year round. Your handyman can test them to make sure they're working properly and replace the batteries if needed.

## SIGN UP FOR A HANDYMAN MEMBERSHIP

Once your handyman takes care of all of the tasks on your fall handyman checklist, you can rest assured your home will be ready for whatever winter throws your way. Don't wait until the last minute to get your home in shape for the colder months ahead—call a handyman today and get started on making sure your home is ready for winter.

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