Ecotelligent Homes

FALL HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Print this out and check off each room as you go.

HOME HEATING

- ◯ **Replace air filter.** Install MERV 8 to 11.
- ◯ **Schedule fall maintenance** for your furnace or heat pump.
- ◯ **Program your thermostat.** Turn down heat automatically at night and when away.
- ◯ **Test smoke & CO detectors.** Press test monthly and replace batteries yearly.
- ◯ **Clean ducts.** (Optional)

IN YOUR ATTIC

- ◯ **Look for signs of animal activity.** Check for broken screens, missing or torn insulation.
- ◯ **Check for leaks.** Look for holes in roofing, damp spots in insulation, stains on ceilings.
- ◯ **Clear debris from vents.** Ridge vents and eave vents should stay free of plants and debris.
- ◯ **Check insulation depth.** If you can see your floor joists, you likely need more.
- ◯ **Check dryer vent & bath fans.** Make sure both exhaust all the way outside.

PLUMBING

- ◯ **Drain the water heater.** This removes sediment that can cause damage.
- ◯ **Check for leaks and signs of corrosion.** Look at all exposed pipes.

GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS

- ◯ **Keep gutters and downspouts clear.**
- ◯ **Look for pooling water.** Downspouts should direct water at least 10 feet from the foundation.

EXTERIOR

- ◯ **Inspect your siding.** Look for peeling paint, missing brick or mortar, cracked stucco, or stains.
- ◯ **Pay attention to the foundation.** Examine it for cracks and bulges.
- ◯ **Lock your windows and doors.** Locking seals them tight, closing alone can leave a gap.
- ◯ **Check the roof.** Look for cracks, missing shingles, crumbling pieces, or moss.