

# OCTOBER HOME MAINTENANCE

## Checklist

### Exterior Fall Readiness

- ☐ Clean and store garden tools
- ☐ Rake and remove leaves
- ☐ Inspect and clean gutters
- ☐ Check for roof damage
- ☐ Trim trees and shrubs
- ☐ Service outdoor lighting
- ☐ Winterize outdoor faucets

### Fall Garden Tasks

- ☐ Plant fall flowers
- ☐ Mulch around trees and shrubs
- ☐ Clean and store summer tools
- ☐ Fertilize and feed plants
- ☐ Prepare garden beds for winter
- ☐ Consider planting bulbs

### HVAC System Prep

- ☐ Change HVAC filters
- ☐ Ensure proper insulation
- ☐ Transition from cooling to heating
- ☐ Clean and inspect ducts
- ☐ Check insulation levels
- ☐ Seal any window drafts
- ☐ Adjust thermostat settings

### Safety and Security Check

- ☐ Test smoke detectors
- ☐ Check carbon monoxide detectors
- ☐ Inspect and clean chimneys
- ☐ Review emergency escape plans
- ☐ Update emergency supplies
- ☐ Assess home security system
- ☐ Check exterior lighting

### Plumbing Inspection

- ☐ Inspect for leaks
- ☐ Check water heater
- ☐ Test sump pump
- ☐ Inspect water heater
- ☐ Clear clogged drains
- ☐ Check toilet components
- ☐ Examine hose connections

### Indoor Coziness Setup

- ☐ Check and replace furnace filters
- ☐ Test heating system
- ☐ Clean and organize closets
- ☐ Service and clean appliances
- ☐ Check and replace batteries
- ☐ Evaluate home office setup
- ☐ Plan for winter decor



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