

Fall Home Maintenance

No matter where you live, seasonal changes in temperature and moisture levels require special maintenance tasks. Fall cleaning is necessary to maintain a house's appearance and keep it in good condition.

Exterior Chores

- Close and drain hose bibs
- Rake debris away from side of house and other structures
- Clean out gutters and downspout elbows
- Check gutters, downspouts and roof penetrations for leaks
- Check and repair caulk (if needed) around exterior surfaces
- Clean around air conditioner compressor
- Trim trees or shrubs that touch house
- Inspect and replace (if needed) weather-stripping
- Inspect and repair (if needed) screens
- Clean out under decks and porches
- Clean out basement window wells

The interior of your home should be checked at least once a year. It's important to properly check the fireplace and combustion appliances by fall, because the house is "sealed up" in the winter and not much fresh air enters in.

Interior Chores

- Test Smoke Detectors
- Inspect plumbing shutoff valves
- Change the furnace filter
- Vacuum heating registers, vents, ducts, radiators
- Inspect fireplace flues for "glassy" creosote buildup and have flues cleaned regularly

If you have any questions please feel free to call The City of Milan Building Department at 439-7089