

— HOMEOWNERS · PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

FALL ROOF AND EXTERIOR WINTER-PREP CHECKLIST

Do this in October or early November, after most leaves fall and before the first hard freeze.

Gutters and drainage

- ☐ Clean gutters and downspouts
- ☐ Run a hose to confirm every downspout flows
- ☐ Extend downspouts away from the foundation
- ☐ Tighten loose hangers

Roof (from the ground)

- ☐ Look for missing, curled or lifted shingles
- ☐ Check flashing at the chimney and walls
- ☐ Look for damaged pipe boots and vents
- ☐ Trim branches touching the roof

Attic

- ☐ Look for daylight, stains and damp insulation
- ☐ Confirm soffit vents are not blocked by insulation

☐ Confirm bath and kitchen fans vent outside

☐ Seal obvious air leaks around the attic hatch and fixtures

Chimney, windows and siding

☐ Schedule the annual chimney inspection

☐ Check the crown and cap for cracks

☐ Probe window sills and fascia for soft wood

☐ Caulk gaps where siding meets windows and doors

General planning checklist, not professional advice. Follow your local code, your product instructions and your contractor's written contract.