

SUMMER REACH HOMEOWNERS MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SUPPORT CLUB

FALL MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

October is the perfect time of year to get your home & yard ready for the winter . So walk around your exterior and interior: cross off items on your to-do-list. Below are suggested items to check: *(Refer to the Maintenance Guide for details).*

- **Make Emergency Supply Kit** - Check Red Cross website: ... <https://www.redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/news/2019/national-preparedness-month-how-to-build-your-emergency-kit.html>
- **Storm Safety -Hurricane season:** *(SRHMRS club Homeowners Maintenance Guide Page 10)*
Check Eversource website:... <https://www.eversource.com/content/ema-c/residential/outages/storm-preparedness/before-a-storm> for 'before, during, and after storms'
- **Heating System;** *(SRHMRS club Homeowners Maintenance Guide Page 8)*
 - Schedule annual service
 - Replace filter, clean vent grills and have HVAC vent pipes inspected/cleaned
- **Service Gas Fireplace** *(SRHMRS club Homeowners Maintenance Guide Page 6)*
 - Check manual and service based on past use
- **Smoke/carbon monoxide detectors** *(SRHMRS club Homeowners Maintenance Guide Page 4)*
 - replace batteries if indicator shows low power and clean & vacuum exterior
- **Shut off exterior faucets** in the basement. Leave outside faucet open a little to avoid freezing and cover with insulated cap. *(SRHMRS club Homeowners Maintenance Guide Page 15)*
 - Drain hoses and store
- Cover **AC condenser** when you finish using for the year to protect from debris and ice
 - *(SRHMRS club Homeowners Maintenance Guide Page 3)*
- **Gutters** ... visually inspect the exterior of gutters, and drainpipes/spouts
 - Submit maintenance request to RGR, if there are issues
- **Foundation shrubs and Trees**
 - trim and fertilize foundation shrubs per (horticultural schedule for each)
 - Trees issues – submit maintenance request to RGR
- **Winterize Gas/Electric Grill**
 - Check manual for service requirements and clean heat tent, grease trap, and grill racks
- Clean and store **Lawn Chairs, Tables, and umbrellas.** Clear patios as much as possible.
- Consider **treating deck boards & pavers** with 'Wet & Forget' to prevent moss, mold, mildew, & algae
- Check **windows and doors for drafts** and caulk where necessary

- Clear **Window Wells** of debris and standing water
- **Get Ready for Snow:** Check shovels and replace if necessary and purchase 'Pet Friendly' Ice melt