

Fall Winter Prep Checklist INTERIOR EXP

DECLUTTER & ORGANIZE

- Clear surface areas and pack away unused items.
- Switch out seasonal gear and donate what you didn't use.
- Organize closets, cupboards, and the pantry.
- Declutter basement, garage, and mudroom spaces.

DEEP CLEANING

- Wash windows & doors inside & out; remove screens if possible.
- Rotate/flip mattresses and wash bedding.
- Dust ceiling fans, vents, light fixtures, and baseboards.
- Wipe walls, doors, baseboards, switch plates, and light fixtures
- Vacuum and mop floors, clean under and behind furniture.
- Deep clean carpets, upholstery, and curtains to remove summer dust.
- Launder curtains, bedding, and flip or rotate mattresses.

KITCHEN & APPLIANCES

- Clean out fridge, freezer, and pantry.
- Wipe down cupboards and backsplash.
- Deep clean oven, microwave, and range hood.
- Disinfect garbage and recycling bins.

MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

- Change furnace filter and clean air vents.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Service furnace or A/C if needed.
- Check for signs of leaks, drafts, or pests and seal as necessary



YARD & GARDEN PREP

- Rake leaves and remove debris from yard, gardens, and around foundation.
- Fertilize, seed and mow lawn one final time before snow.
- Prune trees and shrubs for healthy spring growth.
- Turn compost and top up garden beds with fresh soil.
- Clean eavestroughs and downspouts; ensure water drains away from foundation.
- Power wash siding, windows, decks, and patios.
- Inspect roof for missing shingles, cracked flashing, or damaged vents.
- Touch up peeling paint or stain on fences and decks.
- Disconnect and drain garden hoses; shut off exterior water taps.
- Check grading around home to prevent water pooling near foundation.
- Check foundation for cracks and seal if needed.
- Store outdoor furniture, BBQ, and garden tools.
- Winterize lawn equipment (clean mower, empty fuel, sharpen blades).
- Inspect and organize tools and lawn equipment.
- Swap out welcome mat and clean porch lights.
- Blow out irrigation lines.
- Remove rain barrels from the downspouts, drain and clean and store upside down or indoors for the winter.
- Hang christmas lights on the roof
- Put your feet up and enjoy a nice cozy winter knowing your home is ready for the snow!

