

## FALL PREPARATIONS

### **SMOKE DETECTORS**

Change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors.

### **CARBON MONOXIDE**

Install a CO detector in a central location of your home.

### **STORM PANELS**

Start preparing the exterior of your home for the harsh winter months. Install storm panels in your storm door and storm windows.

### **FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS**

Many liquids that are stored in the garage can freeze and may burst. Read the warning labels before storing items inside your home.

### **LAWN EQUIPMENT**

Winterize your gas powered lawn equipment. Add fuel stabilizer to the gasoline as directed on the container.

### **DRAINS**

Keep your drain lines at the curb clear of leaves and debris.

### **GUTTERS**

Do a final cleaning of the gutters to prevent blockage and drainage problems during the winter months.

### **LAWN CARE**

Store or secure lawn furniture and be sure to have your irrigation system drained to prevent frozen underground waterlines.

### **FIREPITS**

Make sure the backyard firepit is well protected against trip and fall type hazards as well as any uncontrolled fire hazards. Have a garden hose available if needed.

### **CHIMNEY**

Have your chimney and fireplace inspected before the first use. Never burn pressure treated wood or pine tree wood in your fireplace.

### **FILTERS**

Install a new furnace filter to increase the indoor air quality and the performance of your HVAC system.

### **AIR CIRCULATION**

Adjust the dampers in your ductwork to move the warm air from the furnace to the first floor of your home. Warm air rises and this will allow your furnace to run more efficiently. Adjust your ceiling fans to the reverse position so that it spins clockwise (air drawn upward) to circulate warm air up.