



Fall Home Maintenance Guide

Seasonal tips for Santa Barbara homeowners

- ☐ Clean Gutters & Downspouts – Clear leaves and debris to prevent water damage during fall rains.
- ☐ Roof Check – Inspect for missing shingles, loose flashing, or early signs of leaks before winter.
- ☐ Service Heating System – Schedule HVAC service or replace filters to ensure warmth and efficiency.
- ☐ Seal Drafts – Check windows and doors for gaps; apply weather stripping to improve energy efficiency.
- ☐ Trim Trees & Landscaping – Remove overhanging branches near roofs and power lines before storm season.
- ☐ Test Smoke & CO Detectors – Replace batteries and confirm proper operation ahead of increased heating use.
- ☐ Check Drainage – Make sure yard slopes away from the foundation; extend downspouts if needed.
- ☐ Inspect Plumbing – Look under sinks and around water heaters for early leaks before holiday guests arrive.
- ☐ Safety First – Ensure pathways are well lit and clear for trick-or-treaters and holiday guests.

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