



FALL & WINTER *Folkie Dot* HOME CHECKLIST

OUTSIDE:

- ☐ Check all windows and doors for cracks
- ☐ Check caulking around windows and doors
- ☐ Where it's needed apply weather stripping to doors and windows
- ☐ Wash door thresholds
- ☐ Wash windows inside and out
- ☐ Tighten any loose screws or bolts on decks or porches
- ☐ Dust and scrub porch
- ☐ Wash and store patio furniture
- ☐ Touch up chipped paint on house or sheds
- ☐ Clean gutters
- ☐ Clear off roof debris and moss
- ☐ Chimney cleaned and inspected
- ☐ Clean dryer vent
- ☐ Clean and organize shed
- ☐ Make sure all storage boxes are labeled
- ☐ Arrange holiday storage bins to the front so easily accessible
- ☐ Clean and organize garage
- ☐ Organize tools
- ☐ Organize winter tools and products
- ☐ Seal cracks in driveway and foundation
- ☐ Remove algae and mold from walkways
- ☐ Cover AC unit
- ☐ Check outdoor outlets
- ☐ Replace burnt lightbulbs
- ☐ Prepare firewood or wood pellets
- ☐ Wrap pipes
- ☐ Unhook garden hoses
- ☐ Cover water spouts
- ☐ Winterize outdoor sprinkler system
- ☐ If advised shut crawl space vents
- ☐ Clean vehicle and weatherize

INSIDE:

- ☐ Furnace (professionally serviced)
 - ☐ Change furnace filter
 - ☐ Check attic
 - ☐ Check basement/crawlspace for any leaks
 - ☐ Replace all smoke detector batteries
 - ☐ Sweep and mop under appliances
 - ☐ Inspect appliances to make sure they work properly
 - ☐ Clean fridge
 - ☐ Clean oven
 - ☐ Deep clean dishwasher and garbage disposal
 - ☐ Clean washing machine
 - ☐ Deep clean dryer lint catcher
 - ☐ Dust tops of cabinets/refrigerator
 - ☐ Clean moldings and baseboards throughout the home
 - ☐ Clean ceiling fans and light fixtures
 - ☐ Wash window treatments
 - ☐ Wash window blinds
 - ☐ Inspect and clean windowsills and any weather stripping needs
 - ☐ Steam clean or shampoo carpets
 - ☐ Clean and wax wood floors
 - ☐ Flip mattresses (if necessary)
 - ☐ Replace summer blankets with winter ones
 - ☐ Wash shower curtain/liner
 - ☐ Check grout in bathroom for needed repairs
 - ☐ Caulk tub
 - ☐ Check medication inventory including cold/flu season supplies
 - ☐ Check bathroom for leaks/clogs
 - ☐ Reverse fans clockwise (they will circulate warm air downward)
 - ☐ Donate any unwanted clothing
 - ☐ Tidy up any lingering clutter
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GARDEN:

- ☐ Prune trees
- ☐ Trim bushes
- ☐ Remove leaves next to home foundation
- ☐ Rake up any unwanted leaves
- ☐ Clean flower and garden beds
- ☐ Mow and fertilize lawn
- ☐ Bring in potted plants
- ☐ Cut back perennials
- ☐ Cover tender plants with a safe mulch
- ☐ Empty unused pots, clean them and stack upside down
- ☐ Clean and sharpen your garden tools and store them for winter
- ☐ Plant bulbs for spring flowers
- ☐ Set up winter bird feeding stations