

## Fall Home Maintenance Check List

Fall is almost here! It's time to get your house in shape for the colder months ahead. Here's a handy check list to keep your house in top condition this winter.

*NOTE: Some of these items should be performed by professionals. Not sure who to call? Call Heidler, Inc. at 410-268-7191 and if it's not a service we perform – we will gladly recommend a reliable local contractor to assist you.*

<b>Exterior</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Check foundation for cracks.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Repair peeling/blistered/damaged paint</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect roof for loose or missing shingles, breaks in flashing seals, etc.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Repair and seal driveway</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Clean gutters and downspouts, divert water at least 3-4' away from foundation</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Caulk windows and weather-strip doors</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Remove and store screens</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Install storm doors and windows</li></ul>	<b>Porch/Deck Area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Check porch/deck supports, stairs and railings</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Clean and apply sealer to decks</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Cover and store outdoor patio furniture, grills/barbecues, etc</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Empty dirt from flower pots and containers</li></ul>
<b>Interior</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Have heating system tuned-up</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Reverse your ceiling fans</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Change batteries in smoke and CO detectors</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ready the fireplace (Don't forget to have the chimney swept!)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Check windows for drafts, loose frames, or cracked panes</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum air filters</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Remove window AC units and cover outdoor units</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect/test sump pump</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Check attic vents, insulation and bird/rodent screens</li></ul>	<b>Yard/Garden</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Plant spring flowering bulbs</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Drain fuel from gas-operated lawn equipment</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Reseed lawn as necessary</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Trim any tree limbs that are dangerously close to power lines or your roof</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Clean and store summer garden tools</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Drain hoses and shut off outdoor water valves (winterize hose bibs)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Drain lawn-irrigation system</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Fertilize the lawn</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ready snow removal equipment and supplies (ice melt, salt, etc.)</li></ul>