

# PREPARE YOUR home FOR fall

## INSIDE

- Ensure that the furnace is working.
- Change air filters.
- Bring out winter bedding.
- Clean the carpets.
- Inspect and clean fireplace and chimney.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, replace batteries.
- Check and replace worn weatherstripping.
- Create a dedicated space for muddy shoes and raincoats.
- Check and service the HVAC system.
- Drain the hot water heater.
- Reverse your fans (they will circulate warm air if they turn clockwise).

## OUTSIDE

- Stock up on firewood.
- Check the roof for obvious signs of damage.
- Clean the gutters and downspouts.
- Clean the BBQ grill.
- Winterize your pool with a winterizing and closing chemical kit, and cover with a pool cover.
- Service and prepare your snowblower.
- Put away or cover outdoor furniture.
- Drain and stow hoses.
- Check exterior caulk and redo if necessary.
- Fix cracks in your patio and driveway.

## GARDEN

- Clean flower and garden beds.
- Rake up leaves and clear brush.
- Mow and fertilize the lawn.
- Bring in potted plants.
- Plant bulbs for spring flowers.
- Cut back perennials.
- Cover tender plants with mulch.

