



Fall Outdoor To Do List

Maintenance on the exterior of your home is important to keep it from weathering and deteriorating, to assist with energy conservation and pest control, and to ensure your home maintains its curb appeal.

- Work on some area of your yard that needs more attention, such as weeding, trimming, pruning, or re-planting.** This may include removing leaves and debris that can cause problems during the rainy season.
- Add compost, manure, and mulch to garden beds.**
- Remove sick or dead trees and shrubs.**
- Walk around your property and just do an overview for any signs of repairs or areas that need a little bit more cleaning or TLC.**
- Wash out garbage cans, disinfect, and then rinse thoroughly.**
- Seed lawn if your yard has patchy spots.** Fertilizing now also encourages good root development.
- Now is a good time to aerate your lawn.** This will bring trampled areas of your lawn back to life.
- Dethatch your lawn.** Removing excess thatch helps keep your lawn healthy. Not every lawn needs to be dethatched, so check first.
- Divide perennial plants to keep them vigorous.** Plant the chunks you divided elsewhere in the garden or give them away.
- Lubricate the garage doorframe, using light household oil, such as WD-40.** Do not put this oil on any nylon rollers as could cause damage.
- Spray for bugs around the exterior of your home.**
- Check your deck for any signs of rot.** Seal if necessary.
- Check house and vent screens for tears and bent frames** and clean window screens with a soft bristle brush and a mild detergent.