

## FALL MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST FOR A COZY SEASON AHEAD

The leaves are turning, the air is cooling, and it's time to get ready for winter. With the fall weather coming, it's time to ensure your home is tuned up and ready for the fall and winter months. Below is a simple checklist to take care of most of those home maintenance items to keep your home in tip top shape

### GETTING READY FOR FALL CHECKLIST

- Review the perimeter of the foundation for settlement; it is important to maintain positive slope for water to drain away from the foundation, fill if necessary
- Prepare your landscaping and garden for winter
- Disconnect hoses and close interior valve to outdoor hose connection
- Cover your outside air-conditioning unit and ensure the power is turned off
- Check for obstructions in eavestroughs and downspouts and make sure down spouts are pointing away from your foundation
- Ensure your sump pump is operating properly and discharging water away from the foundation
- Review, clean or change filters where applicable, furnace, HRV, humidifier, over the range vent
- Test your furnace to ensure the furnace is operating properly
- Review your hot water heater for scheduled maintenance, clean as required
- Test carbon monoxide and smoke detector for proper operation, it is a good idea to replace your batteries also
- Monitor home's humidity, it is important to maintain an appropriate humidity level in the winter

*This document is intended as general recommendations and best practices for home maintenance and does not replace or alter the warranty certificate or the obligations of the builder and/or homeowner with regard to the warranty policy.*

Outside Air Temp °C	Max Indoor Relative Humidity at 20 degrees
-30 °C or below	15%
-30 °C to -24 °C	20%
-24 °C to -18 °C	25%
-18 °C to -12 °C	35%
-12 °C to 0 °C	35%

### ADDITIONAL BEST PRACTICES

- Check your exterior doors and windows weather-stripping,
- Inspect your roof and siding for damages.
- Clean your wood burning chimney if applicable.
- Check your garage entry door for proper operation and seal.
- Check and adjust your support posts.
- Check any floor drains and refill with water if necessary.
- Clean floor and wall vents using a vacuum
- Review ducts for any gaps and seal if necessary