Fall Organizing Checklist

Use this checklist to simplify your transition to fall. There are items inside and outside the home to be taken care of before the cold weather sets in.

Tasks to Tackle	
Interior Tasks	
	Clean out closets and dressers
	Swap out your seasonal clothes
	Pull out and wash any winter bedding you may need
	Take out your humidifier to keep some moisture in the air
	Have your heating system inspected
	Clean or change filters
	Have your fireplace or wood burning stove inspected and cleaned
	Change batteries in smoke alarms and carbon dioxide detectors
	Check doors and windows for drafts and replace caulk or weather stripping as needed
Exterior Tasks	
	Pull out any annual plantings (and put them in the compost bin if you have one)
	Cut back any perennial plantings for the next season
	Pull out the leaf blower and rakes to prepare for raking the leaves
	Clean out gutters and downspouts
	Clean outdoor furniture before storing away for the winter
	Begin to stock up on firewood
	Make sure you have a few bags of salt or sand for any potential snowstorms
	Drain your outdoor faucets to prevent pipes from freezing and bursting
	Check that your snow blower is in working order
	Fix any cracks in the driveway or sidewalks so ice does not create larger cracks

Autumn Order

There are a lot of things to do, both inside and outside the home, to prepare for the cold weather season. Try to plan ahead for the tasks that require an outside service provider or contractor to come in for an inspection or maintenance check.

