



Helping you make more memories this season
with the ones you care about most.



Getting Your Home Ready for Fall & Winter

A Checklist from Your Friends at FM Exteriors

With Fall and Winter just around the corner, it's time to get your home prepped and ready. We created this helpful checklist to make the process simple and easy.

Our goal? Ensure you are prepared for the change in seasons so you have more time to focus on making more memories with the ones you care about most.

- Roof**
- Window Tracks & Weep Holes**
- Seasonal Gutter Maintenance**
- Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors**
- Clean Chimney**
- Furnace & Air Conditioner**
- Lawn**
- Grill**
- Basement Window Wells**
- Protect Entryways**
- Garden**
- Snow Prep**
- Vehicles**

Keep reading to discover a detailed explanation of each step.





Roof

If you suspect leaks or storm damage of any kind, now is the time to have it inspected. Inclement weather only makes it harder.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



Ladder*



Gloves

*Ditch the ladder and get the peace of mind you deserve. We offer free roof inspections to make sure you're covered this winter.



PRO TIP:

If you noticed other roofs in your area being replaced, check in with your neighbors. A hail event may have taken place near you. If your roof has been damaged, now is the time to take action and ensure it still qualifies for replacement through your insurance company. You only have one year to file that claim.



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Window Tracks & Weep Holes

During the winter months, wind-blown snow can build up outside the sash. Ensuring your window is clean and in proper working order further prevents leaks and damage.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



Paper Towels



Gloves



Flashlight



What is a Weep Hole?

Don't worry, it's a common question! Weep holes are little holes located on the exterior bottom of the frame that serve as outlets to allow rainwater to drain away from your home. To ensure they are working properly, spray the outside with a hose and make sure clean water exits the hole. If not, use a small wire or compressed air to clean out before re-testing

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Seasonal Gutter Maintenance

Gutters are exposed to the elements and can take a beating. Now is the time to clean out debris, caulk miters and seams, snake out downspouts, and straighten out any bent gutter hangers.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



Ladder



Gloves



Caulk



Pliers



Hose



PRO TIP:

Ditch the dread of cleaning out all the built up gunk in your gutters and install gutter guards that will do the work for you.



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Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

According to the Red Cross, the risk of house fires increases during the fall and winter months. In fact, heating is the cause of 27% of structure fires during the winter months which is why it's critical to test and replace batteries in all detectors.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



Ladder



Batteries

Optimally, smoke detectors need to be installed in every room and hallway.



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Clean Chimney

We recommend that you reach out to a professional chimney company to regularly inspect and clean chimney before use.



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Furnace & Air Conditioner

- Change air filter
- Inspect and clean heating vents
- Clean and cover the condensing unit

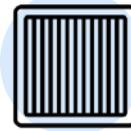
SUPPLIES NEEDED:



Flashlight



Cleaning Materials



Air Filter



Unit Cover



PRO TIP:

Scheduling an annual furnace maintenance call now prevents any unexpected issues during the holidays.



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Lawn

- Fertilize, Aerate, Overseed
- Drain gas from your lawn mower

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



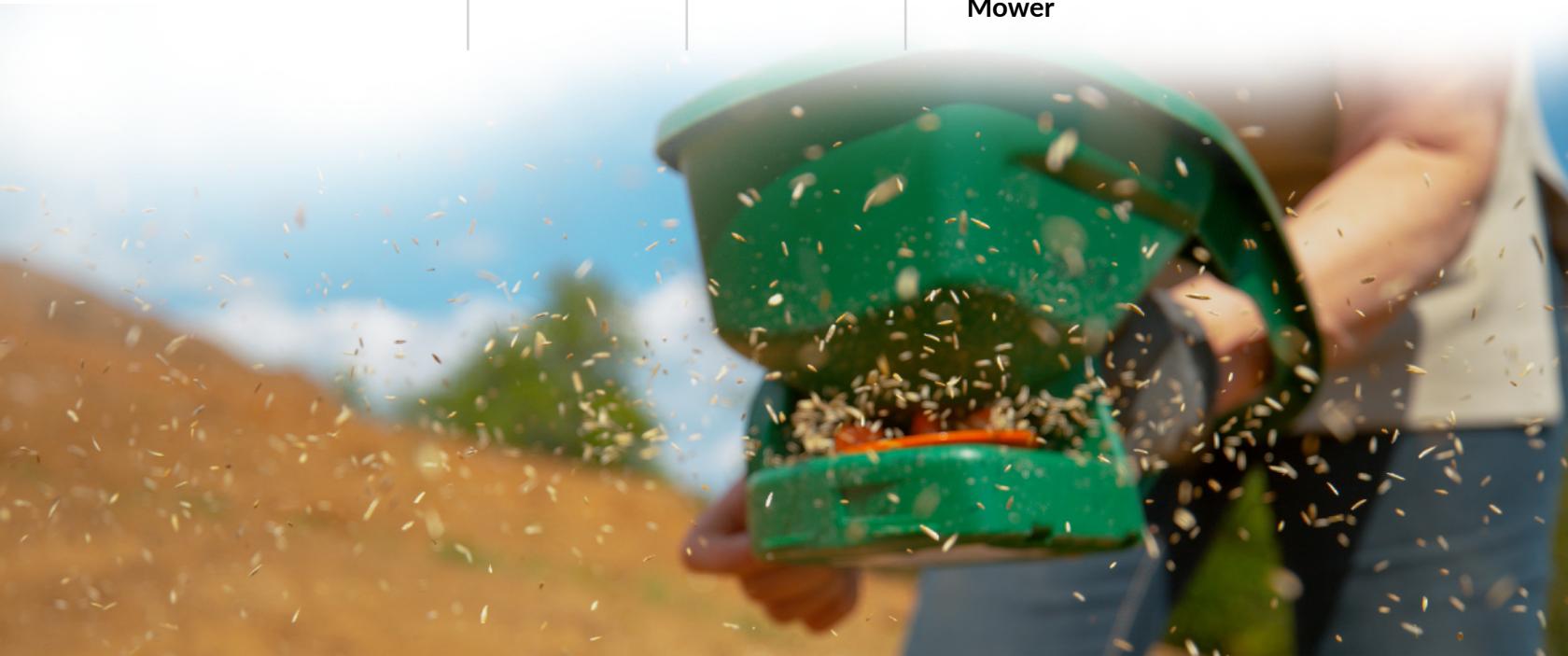
Aerator



Seed



Lawn Mower



PRO TIP:

Before you drain your mower, make the final cut of the year short. Long grass could kill new grass pushing through in the Spring



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Grill

Clean grates, locate cover, and find a place to keep it out of the winter weather if not in regular use.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



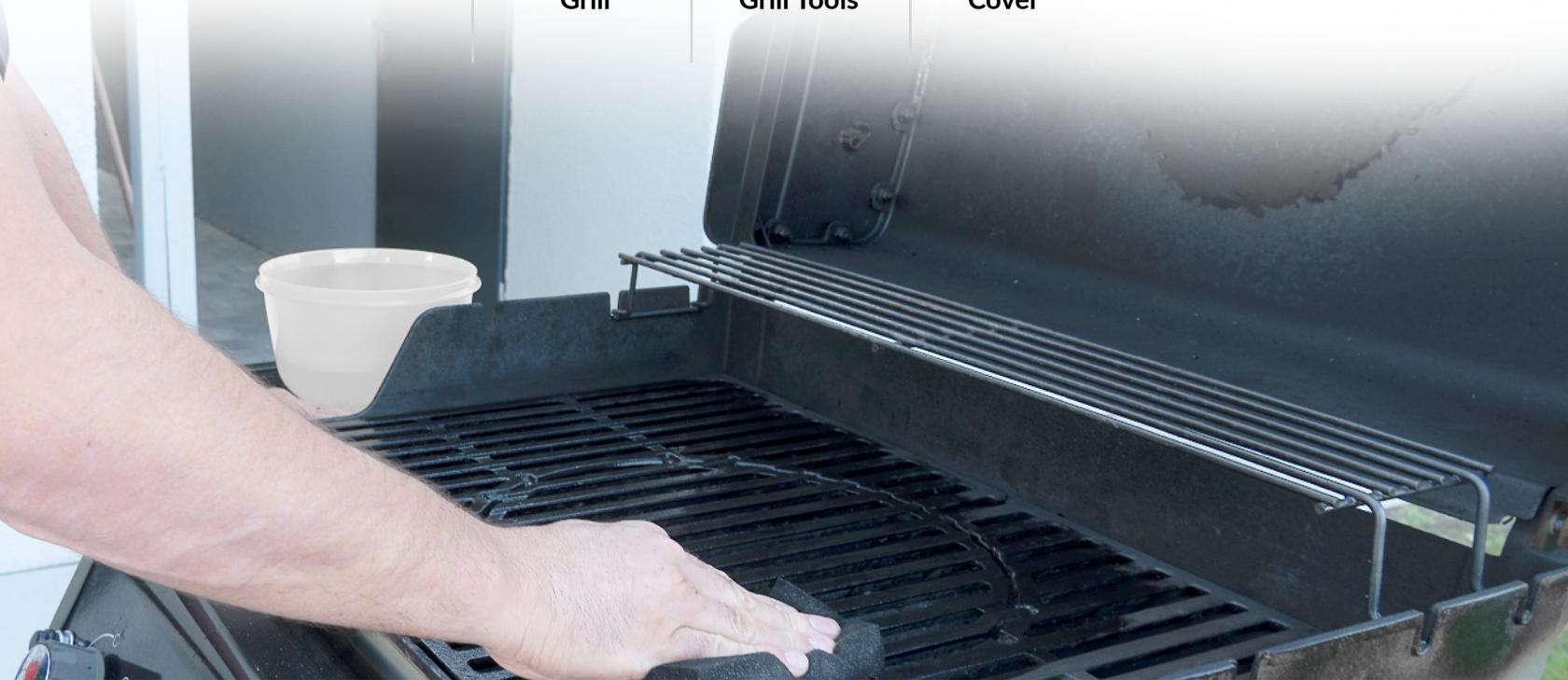
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Grill Tools



Cover



PRO TIP:

Purchase those needed parts now! You may often find great deals at the end of grilling season. Let's make sure you are ready to fire up the grill on that random 70 degree day in January we always seem to get here in the Bi-State area.



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Basement Window Wells

- Remove leaves and other debris
- Ensure nothing is blocking window sills
- Review well covers for broken sections in need of replacing

**SUPPLIES
NEEDED:**



Gloves



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Protect Entryways

- Install boot trays and non-slip mats



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Garden

- Drain water from hose
- Insulate internal pipes exposed to colder temperatures
- Bring weather-sensitive plants indoors
- Cover patio furniture
- Drain water fountains

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



Furniture
Covers



PRO TIP:

Ensure you detach hoses from outside faucets so that water lines do not freeze and break.



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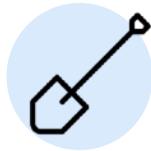
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Snow Prep

- Ensure shovels are in working order
- Purchase ice melt

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



Shovel



Ice Melt



PRO TIP:

Store everything in a place that's easy to access. Snow rarely comes at convenient times.

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Vehicles

- Check fluids and battery charge
- Replace windshield wipers
- Prepare an emergency kit (Blanket, Jacket, Jumper Cables, Phone Charger, Lighter, Flashlight, Notepad, Water, non-perishable snacks)

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



Emergency Kit



PRO TIP:

Make sure to do all this before that annual holiday road trip. Most local auto parts stores will even test your battery for free!



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Schedule An Appointment

Every homeowner should have a trusted contractor they can rely on. Let's make sure you tackle everything your home needs now to thrive during this season so that you can truly celebrate the upcoming holiday season with peace of mind.



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"Finding people that show up on time, do reliable work, and care are almost impossible in these types of businesses. When I reached out to F-M Exteriors I got a call back in an hour, they showed up the next day as scheduled and got the work done the same day. I was amazed. Not only that, but the crew was respectful. Thank you so much for all the amazing help and work!"

Morgan
St Louis Home Owner