

# Focus on Fall Home Maintenance

## Outdoors

- **Gutters and Roof:** Clear leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts. Inspect your roof or hire a professional to look for damage and evaluate its condition.
- **Lawn and Garden:** Prune back branches and shrubs. Remove dead plants and weeds.
- **Seal Air Leaks:** Check for leaks around windows and doors. Replace weatherstripping and seal gaps where possible to improve energy efficiency.
- **Test Emergency Generator:** Make sure your generator is fueled and in good operating condition.

## Indoors

- **Air Conditioner:** Schedule a HVAC tune-up with a professional. Replace air filters. Make sure your unit is ready to run heat when cooler weather comes.
- **Dryer Vent:** Clean out lint buildup in your dryer vents.
- **Fireplace and Chimney:** Contact a professional to inspect and clean your chimney before the first fireplace fire of the season.
- **Safety Check:** Test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Replace batteries in each unit.
- **Water Leaks:** Check room by room for water leaks and repair.

