

Organizing November **CHECKLIST**

INSIDE THE HOME

- Carpets: Schedule a pre-holiday carpet cleaning. Whether renting a carpet cleaning machine or hiring pros, getting rugs freshened up before holiday gatherings will help your home look and smell its best.
- Climate: Set up a humidifier. When you're running the heater a lot, the air can get very dry. Using a humidifier puts moisture back into the air, which can help your space feel warmer and more comfortable.
- HVAC Maintenance: Before turning on your furnace for the first time, replace your filter. Replace the filter every one to three months to keep your furnace running correctly.

OUTSIDE THE HOME

- Safety: Check walkways, railings and stairs for winter safety. Clear away gardening supplies and anything else that's in the way on walking paths. Check that railings and stairs are in good repair.
- Fur Babies: Keep furry friends safe. Keep pets safe by storing antifreeze and other harmful chemicals securely.
- Gutters: Clear rain gutters and downspouts one last time. If more leaves have fallen since the last time your gutters were cleaned, be sure to have them cleared out one last time before winter.

MISCELLANEOUS TASKS

- Make a donation to your local food pantry. Getting Thanksgiving meal essentials to families in need can make a big impact at this time of year.
- Decorate for the season naturally. Hang a wreath on the door, and collect acorns and pinecones from outdoors to make a simple centerpiece that will last indefinitely!
- Order holiday cards and update your contact list. Make it as stress free as possible by ordering early and gathering everything you'll need in one place.



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