Late Fall checklist

Stock up:
Shovels, scrapers, etc. for car and home
Bags of ice melt or sand
Check car emergency kit and first aid
Tune up snow blower
Check tractor, car, pipe anti-freeze
Ice storm supplies

Shut Off:
Remove hoses and store them dry
Turn off exterior faucets, winterize irrigation
Remove window ac units
Close critter entries
Eliminate frozen pipe problems

Patio and outdoor items
Wash patio furniture and store inside
Wash and repair cushions and webbing
Clean the grill and inspect
Store garden tools
Stabilize or drain gas from equipment and ATV
Schedule mower tune-up
Inspect the chain saw
Power wash the deck

Energy
Inspect your window weather stripping
Make sure windows close and latch tight
Check the fit of exterior doors
Check storm doors and latches
Inspect your sill boxes
Weather strip your attic access
Insulate attic accesses to R-19
Consider an energy audit
Review your utility bills for three years
Check your attic ventilation on a cold day

HVAC
Cover the condensing unit
Have the boiler or furnace inspected
Vacuum the radiators
Check radiator valves in steam systems
Check ductwork for openings and dirt
Open bottom grills
Change furnace and water filters
Vacuum refrigerator coils
Have the chimney cleaned by a CSI sweep
Inspect your firebox, fireplace or wood stoves
Inspect your damper and chimney cap

Safety check
Check all handrails
Smoke and CO detectors
Fire extinguishers
Radon detector
Degrease kitchen hood
Check for lint in drier vent
Check back draft dampers, see if they close
Are the steps and sidewalk safe when wet or iced

Drainage
Clean gutters
Check or disconnect buried drain lines
Extend down spouts
Check the slope of your grade
Excavate window well
Check your roof

Trees and shrubs
Plan your trimming by species
Put away the gardens and flower beds
Mulch
Go to UW Extension for information
Plant bulbs
Rake it up

Forward Planning
Consider an energy audit
Plan painting and decorating
Blueprint your house
Make a wish list for you
Make a wish list for your house
Repair the tip-ups
Wax the cross country skis
Find where you put the snowshoes last spring
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