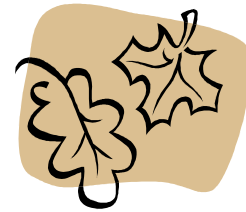


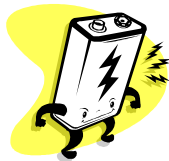
AUTUMN IS HERE



SOON THE LEAVES WILL BE CHANGING, THE TEMPERATURES WILL DROP AND BEFORE WE KNOW IT, SNOW WILL ARRIVE. YES, WE SAID IT – SNOW! THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS AND MANY WAYS TO HELP MAINTAIN THE LIFE OF YOUR HOME. HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL HINTS BEFORE WINTER HITS!

WINTERIZING YOUR HOME:

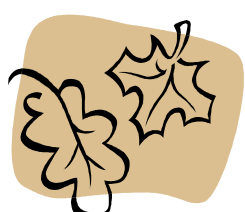
- **CHIMNEY & FIREPLACE:** CHECK FOR ANIMALS, DEBRIS & LEAVES. ALSO TAKE NOTICE TO LOOSE OR MISSING MORTAR.
- **ROOF:** CHECK FOR MISSING, CURLING OR BUCKLING SHINGLES. THESE CONDITIONS LEFT UNATTENDED CAN LEAD TO A LEAKY ROOF.
- **ATTIC:** CLOSE ALL OPEN VENTS TO CONSERVE HEAT
- **GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS:** REMOVING DEBRIS FROM YOUR GUTTERS WILL HELP WATER FLOW MORE FREELY & HELP PREVENT WATER BACK-UP INSIDE & OUT.
- **WINDOWS:** REPLACE YOUR SCREENS WITH STORM WINDOWS- CHECK THE CAULKING & SEALS AROUND YOUR WINDOWS AND DOORS. THIS WILL HELP MINIMIZE HEAT LOSS AND KEEP OUT UNWANTED CRITTERS.
- **SIDING:** CHECK FOR BROKEN OR MISSING SIDING- REPAIRING THIS BEFORE WINTER HITS WELL HELP MINIMIZE THE CHANCES FOR UNWANTED WATER IN YOUR HOME.
- **HOT WATER HEATER:** DRAIN 1-2 GALLONS OF WATER FROM YOUR WATER HEATER. THIS WILL HELP MINIMIZE THE CHANCES FOR UNWANTED WATER IN YOUR HOME.
- **HEATING SYSTEMS:** CHANGE FILTERS AND MAKE SURE PILOT LIGHTS & BURNERS WORK PROPERLY.



- REPLACE ALL SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR BATTERIES
- HAVE A CENTRAL MEETING PLACE IN CASE OF FIRE

ENERGY SAVING TIPS:

- REPLACE LIGHTBULBS WITH COMPACT FLUORESCENTS – COMPACT FLUORESCENTS ARE MORE EFFICIENT, LAST 6 – 10 TIMES LONGER, AND CAN SAVE UP TO 50% ON YOUR LIGHTING EXPENSES.
- KEEP YOUR DRAPES OPEN DURING THE DAY TO ALLOW SUNSHINE TO ENTER AND CLOSE AT NIGHT TO REDUCE THE COLD CHILL FROM THE WINDOWS.
- **SAVE YOUR DRYER!!!** – DRYER SHEETS CREATE A FILM OVER THE LINT FILTER WHICH IN TURN BURNS OUT THE HEATING UNIT. SCRUBBING THE LINT FILTER WITH A TOOTHBRUSH & HOT WATER FOR 30 SECONDS EVERY 6 MONTHS COULD EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR DRYER!



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