

# FALL CHECKLIST FOR HOMEOWNERS STAY SAFE & SAVE MONEY

#### **Avoid Water Damage:**

- Check the age and condition of your water heater
- Shut off water to outdoor faucets
- Check pipes for deterioration, leaks, and changes in water pressure
- Clean and test water backup valves or sub pumps
  - Clean your gutters and drains regularly

### Secure Your Interior:

- Check and seal areas that heat can escape or cold air can get in (doors, windows, insulation, attic, etc.)
- Keep an eye out for any potential rodent or insect damage
- Inspect trees to ensure that they are healthy and trim any overhanging branches
- Have your chimney or furnace checked before you start using it
- Clear area around the furnace, electric box, water tank
- Clean the garage to clear out any flammable materials
- Secure tools so they cannot fall on anyone

## Secure Your Exterior:

- Secure or store any patio furniture
- Check patio stones and deck boards are safe and secure
- Check the roof for loose shingles, debris, or other issues
- Check for chipped exterior paint
- Add treads to potentially slippery surfaces
  - Prepare your winter weather supplies (shovels, salt, etc.)

#### NOTES