FALL FIRE SAFETY & MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

CHIMNEY & FIREPLACE

- ◯ Schedule an annual chimney inspection
- ◯ Clean chimney if creosote is more than 1/8" thick
- ◯ Check for blockages
- ◯ Install a chimney cap if needed
- ◯ Use seasoned/dry firewood
- ◯ Keep flammable materials away
- ◯ Use a protective screen
- ◯ Safely dispose of ashes

SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

- ◯ Test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- ◯ Replace batteries when needed
- ◯ Check expiration dates; replace outdated alarms
- ◯ Make sure alarms are installed in all bedrooms & on every level of your home

DRYER

- ◯ Clean lint filter after every load
- ◯ Clean exhaust vent yearly (or more frequently if needed)
- ◯ Check the outdoor flap for blockages & that it opens properly
- ◯ Keep clothing, boxes, and debris at least 3 feet from the dryer
- ◯ Watch for warning signs like clothes taking longer than usual to dry
- ◯ Never run your dryer while you're sleeping or away from home

FURNACE

- ◯ Schedule an annual furnace inspection
- ◯ Replace filters regularly
- ◯ Keep furnace area clear
- ◯ Check vents and exhaust pipes for obstructions
- ◯ Install carbon monoxide detectors
- ◯ Watch for warning signs of furnace problems (strange noises, smells, improperly heating, etc.)



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