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CLEANING

- Remove Loose Dirt and Debris
 - Vacuum or brush window frames, glass, tracks, sills, and door thresholds.
 - Remove leaves, cobwebs, and accumulated dirt.
- Clean Window and Doors
 - Wash interior and exterior surfaces.
 - Use a soft, non-abrasive cloth.
 - Clean doors with warm water and mild detergent.
 - Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaning products.
- Clean Window Coverings
 - Wash curtains according to manufacturer instructions.
 - Clean blinds to remove dust and allergens.
- Clean Hardware and Moving Parts
 - Remove dirt from hinges, locks, rollers, and window operators.
 - Clear debris from tracks and drainage channels.

INSPECTION

- Inspect for Damage
 - Look for cracked glass, damaged frames, or worn finishes.
 - Check caulking and sealant condition.
 - Examine weatherstripping for deterioration.
 - Inspect hardware for corrosion or looseness.
- Test Operation
 - Open and close each window and door.
 - Confirm smooth operation and proper alignment.
 - Verify doors latch securely.
- Check for Moisture Issues
 - Look for condensation between glass panes.
 - Inspect for water stains or water damage.
 - Watch for mould or mildew growth.

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DRAFT AND AIR LEAK DETECTION

- Feel for Drafts
 - Check around window and door perimeters for cold air.
- Perform a Smoke Test
 - Use incense or a smoke pen to identify air leaks.
- Check Insulation
 - Inspect insulation around frames and openings.
 - Ensure there are no visible gaps.

WEATHERPROOFING AND MAINTENANCE

- Replace or Repair Caulking
 - Seal cracks and gaps around windows and doors.
- Inspect Weatherstripping
 - Replace damaged or compressed weatherstripping.
 - Ensure a continuous seal around openings.
- Lubricate Hardware
 - Apply a dry lubricant to hinges, locks, rollers, and operators.
 - Use corrosion-resistant products where appropriate.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Consult a Professional If You Notice:

- Foggy or cloudy insulated glass units
- Rotting wood
- Significant water damage
- Corroded hardware
- Structural issues or operational concerns

Consider Energy-Efficient Upgrades:

- Triple-pane windows
- ENERGY STAR® certified products
- Fiberglass entry doors
- Modern insulated patio doors



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By completing this checklist each fall, you'll help ensure your windows and doors are ready to withstand winter weather while keeping your home comfortable, efficient, and protected.

