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HOMEOWNERS

MAINTENANCE & SAFETY CHECK LIST

SELF-INSPECTION

FALL/WINTER

We hope that the following will help you in your preparation for fall and winter. Also listed are some safety checks/improvements for a more secure home. We are available to complete this inspection for you. Call for details.

For these or any of your home improvement needs think-KOSIENSKI CONSTRUCTION.

SECURITY CHECKS FOR THE HOME EXTERIOR:

Check any blind areas street-home, trim shrubs away from home, keep low to the ground

Keep trees and limbs from access to windows

Improve lighting at doors and windows, install motion detector lighting front and rear of home

Check/install window locks and venting locks, do not leave open when not in home or room

Check/install dead bolt locks on doors. Should be full depth of plunger, check bulkhead locking

ENERGY & SAFETY CHECKS (RESIDENTIAL)

EXTERIOR:

- 1.) Entry doors: Old (R1)-New insulated (R6), check glass, storm door-closer, gaskets-air gaps, threshold, door sweeps, air leaks at jambs, Garage door gaskets
- 2.) Windows: old (single glazed) vs. new over 4 time's more efficient, closing properly?, weather-stripping, air leaks, older storms, window glazing, add or replace, caulk, seal skylights
- 3.) Foundation air leaks noted from outside, faucet (covered), air penetration at electrical feed, basement entrance/door, drainage-pooling, faucet capped & drained.
- 4.) Ext. lighting: motion detector or timers w/CFL bulbs use 2/3 less energy and last longer
- 5.) Gutters clean, free flowing, cause ice dams backup under roofing, damage roof, gutters & interior
- 6.) Soffit and ridge vent properly installed, controls moisture and ice dams
- 7.) Check for loose Soffit and siding, use binoculars
- 8.) Check chimney for loose brick, cap and mortar, use binoculars
- 9.) Check roof condition, shingles not loose, curled or missing, flashing, use binoculars
- 10.) Secure possible entries from field mice, this time of year they enter for the winter.
Can enter thru holes smaller than a dime.

INTERIOR:

- 1.) Use a humidifier, more comfort at lower temperatures in dry winter air.
- 2.) Drafts@doors or windows, use heavy curtains/blinds closed @ night, open to sun
- 3.) Drafts@outlets & switches, dimmers lower use by 50%, in rm. motion detectors

- 5.) Kitchen & bath exhaust off when not in use, if on for 1 hr draws full house of heat
- 6.) Use a low flow showerhead
- 7.) Basement insulation, basement door insulated, closes tightly, duct work insulated (20% savings), insulate hot water tank and pipes
- 8.) Use of ceiling fans in winter (reverse airflow direction, draws hot air down)
- 9.) Cloths drier vent not blocked, pipe not plastic, dryer vents are a leading cause of fires
- 10.) Energy Star rated; appliances, heater, light bulbs, check fridge door gasket condition
- 11.) Fireplace damper (chimney cap), keep a CO2 detector in general area
- 12.) Heating system: Clean ducts & vents, fix/cap leaks, clean filter, install programmable (set back) thermostat, don't restrict baseboard airflow, vacume. in the fall.
- 13.) Check sump pump function and where it drains for obstructions and proper flow

Circle items above that need improvement. Determine if you want to DIY or Call us and we will complete the install and repairs. Visit our website for help in deciding to DIY or go w/a PRO.

Our initial evaluation is FREE*; Check sheet noted above is included in initial evaluation, call for details. This is not intended to be an all-inclusive inspection. *May be subject to change

For all of your home improvement needs think

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