

"Know your home from the bottom up"

Tim's Tips

- ◆ CHANGE BATTERIES IN ALL DETECTORS (SMOKE, FIRE, CO) EVERY FALL
- CHECK THE OPERATION/FUNCTION OF DETECTORS PERIODICALLY
- ◆ PRIOR TO INSTALLING /USING AN AFTER MARKET FURNACE FILTER, CHECK WITH THE OWNERS MANUAL TO VERIFY THAT THE FILTER MEETS THEIR GUIDELINES
- ♣ CHANGE THERMOSTAT BATTERIES EVERY FALL
- CHANGE GARAGE DOOR EXTERIOR REMOTE CONTROL BATTERIES EVERY FALL
- **♦** SERVICE AIR-CONDITIONER EVERY 3-5 YEARS
- **♣** SERVICE FURNACE EVERY 1-3 YEARS
- ♣ CHANGE AIR FILTER 1-2 MONTHS OR AS NEEDED
- CHANGE/CLEAN THE HUMIDIFIER PAD PRIOR TO THE HEATING SEASON
- ◆ DIRTY DRYER VENT PIPING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF FIRE
- ◆ CLOTHES DRYER FLEXIBLE CONNECTOR, REPLACE WITH SEMI-RIGGED IF SOFT FLEXIBLE CONNECTOR (FIRE HAZARD) IS INSTALLED
- ◆ PERIODICALLY CLEAN THE INTERIOR SIDE OF THE DRYER VENT PIPING
- ◆ PERIODICALLY CHECK ALL TOILETS, VERIFY THAT THEY ARE SECURE TO THE FLOOR, NO LEAKS
- **♦** CHECK THE OPERATION OF THE SUMP PUMP REGULARLY
- ◆ VERIFY THAT THE GUTTERS ARE CLEAN
- ♠ REMOVE ROOF AND GUTTERS ICICLES WHEN SAFE TO DO SO
- ◆ CHECK EXTERIOR DOORS AND WINDOWS FOR GAPS/MISSING WEATHER STRIP-PING
- ♣ DISCONNECT ALL EXTERIOR HOSES FROM SPIGOTS/FAUCETS BEFORE THE FREEZING SEASON
- ♣ GARAGE DOOR, KEEP IT LUBRICATED AND CHECK THE SAFETY FEATURES REGULARLY
- ◆ GARBAGE DISPOSAL CHECK FOR HOUSING LEAKS
- ◆ VACATIONING (BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND MARCH) SUGGEST TURNING THE WATER FLOW OFF AT THE METER
- ◆ VACATIONING RECOMMEND REDUCING THE TEMPERATURE (PROBABLY HAS A VACATIONING SETTING) FOR THE WATER HEATER

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