

Autumn Emergency Preparedness Tips

At Home

- If applicable, have your chimney inspected and cleaned.
- Keep your gutters free from fallen leaf debris.
- Inspect your roof for loose shingles or other damages from spring and summer storms
- Inspect and service any cold-weather tools, such as snow-blowers, to have them ready for winter.
- Check your medicine cabinet and throw out any expired medicines. Restock any items you might need on hand for the cold season!

Outdoors

- Be mindful of building a fire; never leave fires unattended.
- Take frequent breaks and stay hydrated when raking leaves to avoid over-exerting yourself.
- Watch the weather reports to avoid being surprised by unseasonably warm or cold temperatures.

Back to School

- If you have children in school or in college (or if you're in college!), check with the school to find out what their emergency plans are.
- Make sure your child knows where to go if an emergency happens while they are at school. Make sure you know where you can pick up your child, too!
- Identify a warm, safe place for your child to wait for the bus