

# Premeditated Cleaning & Organizing

## September Checklist

- Wash all of the exterior windows on your house.
- Clean out gutters and downspouts.
- Get on a ladder and scan your roof with binoculars for loose shingles.
- Sweep off the front porch, put away remaining summer decor.
- Put down a new mat outside the door, add some fall decor.
- Create or reorganize space in the garage/shed for summer tools.
- Store cushions and outdoor furniture in the shed.
- Clean and cover the grill for storage.
- Drain garden hoses, shut off the water supply to spigots.
- Order firewood for the season (or chop your own).
- Test generator, be sure you have gas on hand.
- Winterize the air conditioning unit.
- Check weather striping on doors, caulk around windows.
- If you have a fireplace get the chimney cleaned and inspected.
- Give your heat system a test run, call for service if needed.
- Dust fan blades and light fixtures, reverse direction of fans.
- Vacuum out couch, add some cozy thick throw blankets to enjoy.
- Give oven a thorough clean out, pull it away from the wall to clean.
- Go through kitchen drawers, purge and wipe out.
- Pack away summer small appliances, break out the crock pot!
- Pack up summer bedding, bring out flannels and down.
- Pack up summer clothing and move it to your storage spot.
- Take remaining winter clothes from storage, air or wash them.
- Check your emergency kit in the car, add winter items.