



# Cottage Opening Checklist

Getting away from the city is a great way to relax. If you are heading to the cottage this season, take the time to follow simple safety procedures to help you make the most of your vacation.

- Visually inspect the power lines leading into your cottage.** Report any damage to your local utility and have it repaired before activating your service.
- Inspect indoor and outdoor wiring** for damage from mice and other rodents. Have an electrician repair any damage.
- Have propane appliances like stoves, refrigerators and heaters inspected** and repaired (if necessary) by a qualified technician.
- Replace old appliances** with new ones that include safety features.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms** and replace the batteries at the start of the season.
- Install a fully charged fire extinguisher** in a visible place and make sure everybody knows how to use it.
- Clean up rubbish** and fallen leaves and branches.
- Dispose of old cleaning solvents and fuels** at a hazardous waste distribution centre.
- Clean up your approved fire pit** and cut back any branches or brush that may have grown too close.



# Spring Home Safety Checklist



- Check cleaning supplies.** Look for leaking containers and dispose of what is no longer used or needed at a hazardous waste distribution centre.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.** Replace batteries and test.
- Visually inspect electrical cords and outlets.** Replace cords if worn or damaged. Contact a licensed electrical contractor to check loose-fitting outlets.
- Maintain air conditioner.** Make an appointment with a qualified technician to perform safe and proper maintenance work for your specific unit.
- Clean eaves troughs thoroughly.** Use a sturdy and reliable ladder and rubber gloves.
- Clean and check BBQ.** Clean burner ports and tubes and test for hose leaks with a 50/50 water/soap solution.
- Store fuel and other combustibles outside.** Keep them in a well-ventilated shed or detached garage and away from direct sunlight and other heat sources.
- Check recreational equipment.** Make sure all playground equipment, bikes, skateboards, etc. are in safe working condition for family use.
- Call before you dig.** Before starting a garden or outdoor home renovation, contact your local utility to quickly and easily get your underground utility lines marked to avoid pipeline damage.



# Spring Clean-Up Checklist

## Outside the House:

- ❑ Maintain the air conditioner. Make an appointment with a qualified technician to perform safe and proper maintenance work for your specific unit.
- ❑ Clean the eavestroughs thoroughly. Use a sturdy and reliable ladder and rubber gloves.
- ❑ Store fuel and other combustibles outside in a well-ventilated shed or detached garage and away from direct sunlight and other heat sources.
- ❑ Check recreational equipment. Make sure all playground equipment, bikes, skateboards, etc. are in safe working condition for family use.

## Inside the House:

- ❑ Check cleaning supplies. Dispose of what is no longer used or needed at a hazardous waste distribution centre.
- ❑ Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- ❑ Visually inspect electrical cords and outlets. Replace cords if worn or damaged.



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# Autumn Cleanup Checklist



## Outside the house:

- Ensure furnace vents are not blocked from the outside by any objects or other obstructions.
- Store fuel (i.e. gasoline in approved containers, propane tanks) outside. Keep them away from direct sunlight and other heat sources.

## Inside the house:

- Have the furnace, fireplace and chimney inspected.
- Make sure warm-air outlets and cold-air returns are clear of carpets, furniture and debris.
- When time to change your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

## Do You Have Something Blocking Your Furnace Vents?

If so, CO may be drawn back inside your house, which will lead to deadly levels of CO exposed to you and your family!

