

# Tri-State Fall Clear-Out Checklist 2026

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Gutters · Outdoor water · Heat & alarms · Storm kit · Soft permits cue

For homeowners around Evansville, Henderson, Owensboro, Newburgh, Mount Vernon, Princeton, Carmi, and nearby Tri-State towns (~60 mi hub).

## Gutters, leaves & foundation edge

- Scoop leaves, seed pods, and grit from gutters; flush runs; watch seams and hangers
- Aim downspouts / extensions away from the foundation
- Pull leaves off the foundation line and out of window wells
- Clear leaf mats from driveway edges and walks that stay wet and slick
- From the ground: note missing shingles, lifted flashing, or soft fascia
- Heavy canopy (maple, sweetgum, oak)? Plan a second pass after peak leaf drop

## Outdoor water / hose bibs (freeze soft cues)

- Disconnect garden hoses; drain and store
- Shut / drain exterior bibs per *your* home's plumbing
- Winterize irrigation / sprinklers before a hard freeze if you have them
- Drain portable washers, hose reels, and outdoor filters per manufacturer guidance
- Know your main water shutoff; show every adult in the household

## Heating filter & alarm test (soft)

- Confirm furnace / heat-pump is ready before the first cold snap (DIY filter or pro tune-up)
- Install a clean filter; keep registers open and clear
- Test smoke and CO alarms; replace batteries if due
- Soft weatherstripping / draft feel at doors on a windy day

## Storm kit refresh (short)

- Water, non-perishable food, flashlights + batteries, phone charger / power bank
- Meds, first-aid, warm layers; pet / infant supplies as needed
- Confirm Wireless Emergency Alerts; bookmark NWS Paducah (or your local office)
- Generators: outdoor use only, away from openings—never indoors or in a garage

*Soft weekend list—not a hard deadline calendar. Frost and leaf timing vary by address.*

## Soft permits

Permit and site-plan requirements vary by scope and location. Confirm current requirements with the applicable city or county authority before work begins.

### Want the full pack?

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