

# From your Building Department

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## Fall Interior Maintenance Tips:

- Change filters throughout your home such as in your furnace, air conditioner, stove vent, dryer and fans.
- Check faucets in the bathrooms, kitchens and laundry room for leaks and other repair needs. It is best to make faucet repairs now before winter, you may be able to avoid a more complicated repair if the pipe freezes and breaks.
- If you have a fireplace, examine it thoroughly. Ensure the damper is open to allow air to flow freely and check the handles and springs to make sure the flue is operating correctly. If used regularly, the chimney should be professionally inspected and cleaned.
- Drain and inspect the hot water tank for rust developing in the tank. If the tank is older and/or rusting, it may be a good time to buy a newer more energy efficient and cost effective one.
- Check windows and doors to ensure the seal and caulk are in good condition.
- Check all your smoke detectors, make sure they are all working properly. All bedrooms and every floor of your home should have a smoke detector.

If you have any questions regarding these maintenance tips or other home improvement projects, please call the Building Department at 216-641-7020.



### DID YOU KNOW:

#### Minimum area:

Habitable rooms shall have a floor area of not less than 70 square feet and shall not be less than 7 feet in any horizontal dimension.