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Five Do-It-Yourself fall yard cleanup tips

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Fall is the perfect time to give your lawn the extra attention and care it needs – especially after an action-packed summer. Inclement weather, extreme temperatures and heavy foot traffic can take a toll on your yard, and inhibit the overall health and growth of your lawn. It's important to let your lawn recover during the fall and make sure it has the nutrients and strength it needs for the coming months.

Consider these fall yard cleanup tips to help get your lawn back in shape and ready for winter.

Rake – Raking is one of the most common yet effective ways to clear leaves and other small debris like twigs from your yard. Easily remove leaves by raking onto a tarp, which allows you to drag and dump the leaves. If you experience backaches while raking, it's best to use an ergonomic rake to help reduce pain often caused by repetitive motion.

Split logs – Neglecting large tree branches or limbs left in your yard from harsh winds and severe storms can compact soil and weaken grass. Clear your yard by using a log splitter to quickly

and efficiently spilt wood instead of using an axe. For safety purposes, always place the log splitter on a flat, dry and solid surface, and then secure the wheels to prevent the splitter from moving during operation.

Clean gutters – Downspouts and gutters can fill up with leaves, dirt and other debris over time, keeping water from properly draining. This can cause gutters to overflow, which may lead to a flooded landscape and slick walkways, so be sure to thoroughly clean your gutters and remove objects that could disrupt or block water flow.

Fertilize – Applying fertilizer to your lawn helps grass rejuvenate from the summer heat and gives it the strength it needs to survive the winter. This will also help grass establish strong roots and improve soil richness for the coming spring.

Weed – Since weeds start to store food in their roots during the fall to prepare for the winter, it's best to remove as many as possible – including the roots – to prevent regrowth. After you've finished weeding, cover landscape areas with mulch or rock to block sunlight and deter growth.

Gasp-worthy perils of bad indoor air and what you can do about them

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Cooler weather is on the way. You might think the seasonal demise of pollen-spewing flora, coupled with more time spent indoors, means allergy and asthma sufferers – not to mention the rest of us – can expect to breathe easier. Not so – if the air inside your home or office is polluted.

Indoor pollutant levels can actually be two to five times worse – and sometimes more than 100 times worse – than what's outside your house, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. When temperatures dip, Americans tend to spend more time inside and homes stay closed up as we attempt to keep warm, heated air inside. Exposure to indoor air pollution can cause a host of health problems, and it can be especially worrisome for people with existing respiratory concerns. What's more, bad air can even cause damage to your home.

Here are four gasp-worthy problems that can stem from poor indoor air quality, and simple ways you can deflate the risk to your health and home:

1. It can make you sick.

Indoor pollutants from radon (a naturally occurring gas) to dust, and volatile organic compounds (from furnishings and wall paint) to household chemicals and cleansers, have been associated with a number of health concerns. While the link between indoor air quality and respiratory ailments may be obvious, some of the other potential health effects are not.

Other problems associated with poor indoor air quality range from headache, nausea and dizziness to fatigue, dry eyes and skin, fatigue, fever and even

hearing loss.

What you can do:

Take steps to remove stale, polluted air from inside your home or office. Good ventilation can make your home more comfortable and healthier. Opt to use a skylight for ventilation while you also reap the benefits of natural light. Energy Star-qualified solar powered fresh air skylights, can provide passive ventilation and abundant natural light. Passive ventilation through the natural chimney effect of skylights is a great

quality. Humidity not only creates breathing difficulty for people with existing respiratory problems, but it can promote the growth of mold and mildew, too, as well as lead to structural rot throughout the home.

Mold can be a major problem, causing significant health woes. If mold is present in your home, you may need to undertake costly repairs to remove it. What's more, moisture can cause rot in areas of the home you can't immediately see, such as inside walls, around windows or door frames and in the attic.

air pollution can improve workers' performance. In fact, researchers found differences of 6 percent to 9 percent, leading them to conclude that it's probably more cost effective for a business to reduce indoor pollutants than to increase the supply of outdoor air in a building.

What you can do:

If your performance at work suffers, it's not unthinkable that an employer might look for a more energetic employee. Discuss concerns about indoor air quality with your company's human resources team and ask what's being done to ensure good air quality in your office. In your own space, consider environment-enhancing steps, including an ionizing air freshener, a desk lamp that mimics natural light and potted plants that can act as natural air fresheners.

4. It can contribute to higher energy bills.

Many of the pollutants that irritate your lungs and sinuses can also stress your home's HVAC system by clogging filters. Clogged air filters force your heating and cooling systems to work harder to achieve their purpose. The harder they work, the more energy they consume. EnergyStar.gov says a buildup of dirt in a home's HVAC system is the top source of inefficient operation and system failure. If your HVAC system is 10 years old or more, it may already be less efficient than a newer model, and indoor air pollutants can decrease its efficiency even more.

What you can do:

Regularly change your HVAC system's air filters. Set a reminder on your smartphone to prompt you when it's time to change the filter. If your HVAC system is older, consider upgrading it. EnergyStar.gov says upgrading to a newer, more efficient system could save you as much as \$200 a year in heating and cooling costs.



Additional natural ventilation can help control condensation. Fresh air skylights can not only help your home breathe easier but also bring healthy, natural light into your spaces while providing more privacy, especially in bathrooms. Solar powered fresh air skylights and solar blinds, along with installation costs, are eligible for a 30 percent federal tax credit.



Your home needs to breathe to fight condensation. By allowing moist inside air to escape and dry outdoor air to enter, you can reduce your home's humidity level. Venting solar powered fresh air skylights with solar blinds, along with installation costs, are eligible for a 30 percent federal tax credit.

Rot weakens a home's structural integrity and may also require expensive repairs.

What you can do:

Always run vent fans in bathrooms and kitchens when you'll be generating humidity. Supplement mechanical venting with passive airflow from fresh air skylights. If you live in a particularly damp climate, consider installing a dehumidifier on your heating, ventilation and cooling system to remove excess moisture from the air inside your home. Be vigilant for signs of mold and have any problems handled by a professional.

3. It can cost you your job.

Poor indoor air quality can affect your job performance. A National Institutes of Health report cites a study in which researchers found that reducing indoor

way to remove fumes, odor and humidity from kitchens and bathrooms, and freshen air in other living areas of the home. What's more, adding an energy-efficient, remote-controlled solar powered fresh air skylight complete with solar blinds can qualify you for a federal tax credit of 30 percent off the installation and equipment costs.

2. It can damage your home.

Excess moisture is one of the most damaging aspects of poor indoor air

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Radon in Minnesota Homes



The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) provides information on radon and how to protect your family's health. MDH also recommends that every Minnesota home be tested for radon.

What is radon?

Radon is a colorless, odorless radioactive gas that seeps up from the earth. When inhaled, it gives off radioactive particles that can damage the cells that line the lung.

Long term exposure to radon can lead to lung cancer. In fact, over 21,000 lung cancer deaths in the US each year are from radon, making it a serious health concern for all Minnesotans.

Where does radon come from?

The soil. Radon is produced from the natural decay of uranium that is found in nearly all soils. Uranium breaks down to radium. As radium disintegrates it turns into radioactive gas... radon. As a gas, radon moves up through the soil and into the air you breathe.

How dangerous is radon?

Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer (after tobacco) in smokers. Thankfully, this risk should be entirely preventable through awareness and testing.

Where is your greatest exposure to radon?

While radon is present everywhere, and there is no known, safe level, your greatest exposure is where it can concentrate indoors. And where you spend most time at home. Your home can have radon whether it be old or new, well-sealed or drafty, and with or without a basement.

How serious a problem is radon in Minnesota?

High radon exists in every state in the US. In Minnesota, 2 in 5 homes has radon levels that pose a significant health risk, and nearly 80 percent of counties are rated high radon zones. Some factors that further contribute to Minnesota's high radon levels include:

- Minnesota's geology produces an ongoing supply of radon.
- Minnesota's climate affects how our homes are built and operate.

How does radon enter a home?

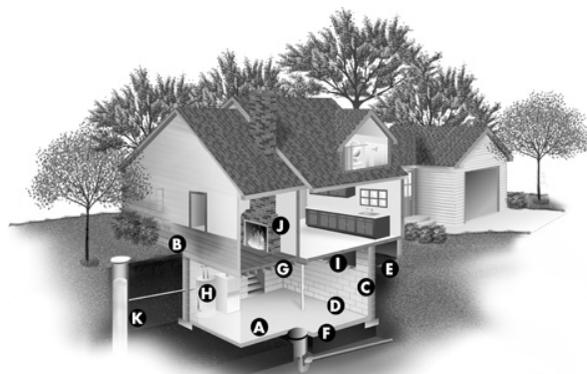
Since radon is produced from soil, it is present

nearly everywhere. Because soil is porous, radon gas is able to move up through the dirt and rocks and into the air we breathe. If allowed to accumulate, radon becomes a health concern.

Two components that affect how much radon will accumulate in a home are pathways and air pressure. These components will differ from home to home.

- Pathways are routes the gas uses to enter your home and found anywhere there is an opening between the home and the soil.
- Air pressure between your home's interior and the exterior soil is what helps to draw radon gas into the home via pathways.

Radon's Pathways into your home



- A. Cracks in concrete slabs
- B. Spaces behind brick veneer walls that rest on uncapped hollow-block foundations
- C. Pores and cracks in concrete blocks
- D. Floor-wall joints
- E. Exposed soil, as in a sump or crawl space
- F. Weeping (drain) tile, if drained to an open sump
- G. Mortar joints
- H. Loose fitting pipe penetrations
- I. Open tops of block walls
- J. Building materials: brick, concrete, rock
- K. Well water (not commonly a major source in Minnesota homes)

Air pressures in your home

Minnesota homes commonly operate under a negative air pressure, especially during the heating season. What this means is that the air pressure inside your home is typically lower than the surrounding air and soil, and this creates a vacuum that pulls soil gases, such as radon, into the home via pathways. Even if the ground around the house is frozen or soaked by rain, the gravel and disturbed ground underneath the house remains warm and permeable, attracting radon gas from the surrounding soil.

Other factors also contribute to air pressure changes in a home, including:



Stack Effect

As warm air rises to the upper portions of a home, it is displaced by cooler, denser outside air. Some of that displaced air comes from the soil.



Down Wind Effect

Strong winds can create a vacuum as they blow over the top of the home.



Vacuum Effect

Combustion appliances like furnaces, hot water heaters and fireplaces, as well as exhaust fans and vents, can remove a considerable amount of air from a home. When air is exhausted, outside air enters the home to replace it. Some of this replacement air comes from the underlying soil.

What happens after radon gets into the home?

Radon levels are often highest at the entry point typically in the lower part of a building. As radon gas moves upward, diffusion, natural air movements and mechanical equipment (such as forced-air ventilation system) distribute the radon through the home. Radon gas becomes more diluted in the upper levels of the home because there is more fresh air for it to mix with.

Greater dilution and less house vacuum effect occur when the house is more open to the outdoors, as during the non-heating season. This generally results in lower indoor radon levels in the summer compared to the winter.

Understanding how radon moves through the home environment helps to explain why timing and location are important factors to consider when conducting a radon test.

Three ways to protect you and your family:

1. Test your home (www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/rncontacts.html) - obtain a test kit
2. Reduce your exposure (www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/mitigation.html) - reduce radon gas by taking action to reduce radon entry into your home
3. Protect your loved ones - tell your family and friends to test so they are not exposed to a deadly gas in their homes.

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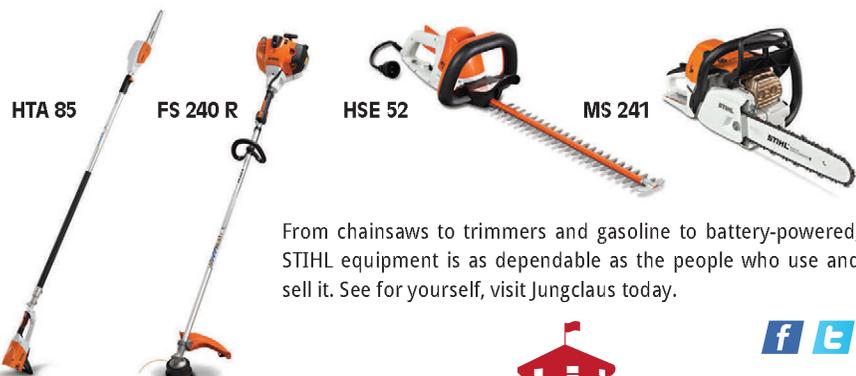
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Change-of-season checklist for lowering home energy costs

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The change of season creates a need for many adjustments around your home, from switching over wardrobes to warmer clothes, to completing necessary yard work and home repairs. You can also make adjustments to ensure you get the most out of your heating and cooling dollars as temperatures change.

When you consider that space heating is the largest energy expense in the average U.S. home – accounting for 45 percent of energy bills, according to energy.gov – it makes sense to take steps to improve heating efficiency. Tackle this change-of-season checklist to help lower home energy costs now, before the long, cold winter sets in.

Program your thermostat

An easy first step is to turn down the temperature on your thermostat, particularly while you're away from home. You can save roughly 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills by turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 degrees for eight hours, according to energy.gov. And, since fall temperatures can fluctuate quickly, from warm and balmy during one part of the day to cold and blustery during another, consider a pro-

grammable thermostat that you can adjust remotely as weather conditions change.

For example, a Smart Control Wi-Fi thermostat lets you program seven days of temperatures, with up to six schedules per day, as well as monitor temperatures and make adjustments remotely from a smartphone, tablet or computer. Compatible with Home Intelligence software, the control enables you to receive temperature alerts via text and email. You can even view system-generated charts to determine how much energy you're using, so you can immediately make adjustments to save money.

Change your furnace filter

When your HVAC system circulates and filters the air in your home, dust and dirt particles build up on the filter. Excessive accumulation can block the



in, add weather-stripping around windows and doors. Consider adding insulation to your attic or crawl space. Even closing your drapes at night can help keep heat inside.

Protect outdoor HVAC equipment

Take some time to care for your outdoor HVAC unit, too. Clean off any fallen and decaying leaves from the fan grill so they won't affect its operating efficiency.

Schedule annual HVAC servicing

Now is an ideal time to schedule an annual servicing checkup for your heating and cooling system. A qualified dealer can inspect your system and recommend any adjustments to ensure it is working properly and make any necessary repairs.

These steps will better prepare your home for the season change, and also keep your family more comfortable, no matter what the weather brings. So check off all the items on your list and watch those lower energy bills come in.

airflow, forcing the system to work harder to maintain the desired temperature. And the harder the system works, the more energy it uses. Your system will have to work less, use less energy and last longer if you clean or replace your filter monthly, or at least every three months.

Take steps to keep cold air out

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Simple DIY steps to protect your car through all seasons

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There is much to love about the nuances of the changing seasons – from spending sunny days on the beach to hiking through autumn-kissed parks and skiing down snow-covered mountains. Throughout the year, just as you would protect yourself from seasonal elements like sun, rain and cold by applying sunscreen and dressing appropriately, it's important to protect your vehicle from the great outdoors. Your car needs to be prepared for the varying weather ahead – just like people do. Here are a few easy DIY projects to keep your car looking new and running for seasons to come.

Fix-ups for fall

The crisp change in the air signals the exciting start of fall. However, before the cold-weather season kicks off, make sure to show your vehicle some love and touch up scratches that may have appeared during the road trips of summer months. By affordably fixing your car now, you can save yourself from a major, and costly, headache later.

Repairing nicks, scratches and chips on your car can be simple. Try a product like an innovative Scratch Fix All-in-1 stick. Specifically designed to provide an easy-to-use and exact-match color, touch-up paint solution, the product contains a prep tool and fast-drying

clear finish to seal and protect repairs. Scratch-Fix-All-in-1 is available in a variety of colors, tested and approved by vehicle manufacturers to ensure a perfect match.

Worry-free winter

Before the flurries start to fly, it's important to pay close attention to vehicle maintenance. First, check all vehicle fluids to make sure they are at the appropriate levels. Things like oil, transmission fluid and brake fluid are especially important as they can cause engine damage and even prevent your car from starting on chilly mornings if they're too low.

Also, check the air pressure in your tires and inflate them if necessary. You can reference your owner's manual or sidewall of the tire for information about optimum air pressure. To ensure your vehicle will be safe in rainy, snowy and icy conditions, have your tires balanced and rotated before the snow starts. If you live in a particularly snow-prone or rural area, you might also consider buying snow tires and/or chains.

See spring clearly

Driving with worn or broken windshield wipers is dangerous, and recent statistics show the average driver only changes his wiper blades every three years. However, according to AAA, you should replace them every six to 12

months – about the same time you would purchase spark plugs, filters or other auto maintenance products. Often, car owners will try to stretch the limit by waiting to replace these items until absolutely necessary, but remember regular maintenance is more cost effective than accident repair.

Headlight clarity is also important. Clouded lenses can reduce the effectiveness of your headlights up to 80 percent and pose serious safety concerns, according to Consumer Reports. Like replacing windshield wipers, spending a few dollars and an hour on restoring cloudy headlights will not only enhance the appearance of your vehicle, but also keep you safe. Headlight restoration kits can be purchased affordably and they will enhance headlight clarity while also protecting lenses from damaging UV rays.

Fight the fade from summer sun

Automotive plastic and vinyl parts can fade over time and make cars look old and worn before you know it. Bring new life to faded areas like bumpers, trim, dashboards or seats – by using an aerosol spray that bonds to substrates leaving behind a smooth, like-new finish with just three coats.

Additionally, there are steps you can take to prevent interior damage to your car. For example, use a sun shade to keep your dashboard – one of the largest

plastic surfaces in your car – from getting too much light. This will keep any plastic or vinyl, as well as carpets and other surfaces, from becoming discolored and faded.

Don't forget to check your owner's manual throughout the year and look for any recommended maintenance based on your vehicles mileage. And remember, when seasons change, your automobile changes too. By keeping up with your vehicle's regular care, you will not only have a car or truck that looks good, but you'll save yourself from larger repairs down the road.

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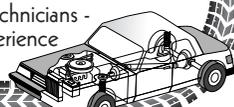
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6 backyard projects you cannot skip this fall

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When it comes to caring for your yard, maintenance is crucial – especially during the fall when it needs to recover from the wear and tear of summer and prepare for winter's harsh conditions. Knowing what your lawn and garden needs from season to season not only makes it easier for you to stay organized with your list of backyard to-do's, but it also allows you to identify and treat any problems before they become bigger issues down the road.

Get your lawn and garden back in shape and ready for the coming season by completing these fall backyard projects.

1. Patch and seed.

Extreme summer weather conditions like heat, excess rainfall and drought can lead to diseased or dead patches of grass throughout your yard. If you notice an affected area while inspecting your lawn, treat the problem area immediately and then reseed it. This will nourish grass, plus help it establish strong roots needed for growth in the spring.

2. Plant bulbs.

Give your spring garden a head start by planting bulbs 5 to 8 inches deep, depending on the size, with the pointy end up. You can also plant bulbs in clusters. However, since bulbs can be hard to tell apart, be sure to keep the

labels intact until they are planted.

3. Remove leaves and small debris.

Leaves, small twigs and light dirt can quickly accumulate in your yard during the fall and if not removed, can cause soil compaction and make your yard look messy. For a quick cleanup solution, use a leaf blower to easily move

debris from your lawn, driveway or patio. Opt for a leaf blower that achieves a perfect balance of speed and volume with its mixed-flow fan design, helping you clear your yard efficiently and effectively. Jet also has an optimal weight balance, so the blower is stable and

easy to control. When removing leaves, make sure they are dry and wind is at a bare minimum to ensure an easy removal process.

4. Compost.

Fall isn't too late to start a compost pile as it takes six months to one year to develop into rich soil you can use in

your garden. Keep in mind, compost decomposition slows down during the cooler months, which is why it is important to retain heat needed for decomposition by refraining from turning your compost pile.

important to pull as many weeds as possible in the fall. As cooler temperatures set in, weeds start to store food in their roots for the winter. Prevent weed regrowth by pulling or digging weeds out of the ground with a weeding blade or use a homemade weed control solution, such as a combination of vinegar, water and dish soap.

5. Prune.

Pruning is considered the best preventive maintenance for your trees and shrubs, particularly in the fall and late dormant season. Look to prune diseased or dying branches, but be sure not to remove unreasonably large branches. This leaves exposed stubs that can potentially cause health problems.

6. Weed.



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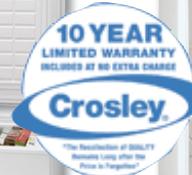
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