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Pumpkin Bread

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Ingredients:

- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
- 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups sugar
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 4 eggs
- 3 c. all-purpose or whole wheat flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup coarsely chopped nuts
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raisins, if desired
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cloves

Steps:

1. Move oven rack to low position so that tops of pans will be in center of oven. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease bottoms only of 2 loaf pans, 8 $1\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, or 1 loaf pan 9x5x3 inches, with shortening.
2. Stir together pumpkin, sugar, oil, vanilla and eggs in large bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into pans.
3. Bake 8-inch loaves 50 to 60 minutes, 9-inch loaf 1 hour 10 minutes to 1 hour 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Loosen sides of loaves from pans; remove from pans and place top side up on wire rack. Cool completely, about 2 hours, before slicing.

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Local Pumpkin Patches

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There's Snow Place Like Home: Keeping Up With Home Maintenance During The Winter



Your home is a major investment, and although the winter weather tends to make us want to stay indoors, there are still bits and pieces we need to check over every now and again. Even periodic

checks of equipment and areas of your home could potentially help you save on expensive repairs. To help you keep your home in tip-top shape this winter, and any extreme cold weather, here is a handy home maintenance and safety checklist.

13 WINTER HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS

1. Is the wind coming in?

Check for door and window drafts

Do you feel any cold air seeping in from doors and windows? This could indicate poor sealing. One way you can check is to use an incense stick. Take one, light it, and hold it up to the suspected door or window. If the smoke whirls around instead of rising as it normally would, then this indicates a crack. You can fill those cracks with caulk or even add weatherstripping. Sealing those cracks could help you save on your winter energy bills.

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2. Ice is not nice. Check for roof ice dams

If you live in areas where snow and ice are more common during the winter months, you may end up having ice dams on the overhang of your roof. An ice dam is an area, usually on the edge of your roof, where snow and running water accumulate. Typically, water runs down and collects at the overhang where there's less heating, leading the water to freeze. Ice dams can lead to water seeping into your attic and damaging your roof and ceiling. For maintenance, use a rake to clear away ice or install heated cables along your roof to prevent freezing and encourage water run-off through your gutters.

3. Just in case, check your fireplace

This is the time of year when many of us are gathering around fireplaces for warmth. For wood fireplaces, it's best to have them serviced each year for the removal of build-up and to decrease the chances of chimney fires. You can also have your gas fireplace serviced if you're not comfortable with doing it yourself. Just make sure that your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly for your safety.

4. Believe the hype - Check for frozen pipes

Whether your home has metal and or plastic pipes, whenever water freezes, it expands, which can cause pipes to crack and burst – leading to repairs. Pipes that are more susceptible to freezing are those exposed to the outdoor winter weather like your outdoor water valves and any water valves that are in cooler areas of your home. One way to prevent your pipes from freezing is to add insulation. You can add pipe sleeves, heat tape, or even allow your water to run a little to help keep your pipes from freezing.

5. Any outdoor clutter?

Time to check the gutters

Although it's winter, you can still have leaves and other clutter around your gutters. Clogged gutters prevent water from continuing its flow away from your home. It's as simple as dedicating a little extra time on the weekends or weekday afternoons to clear out your gutters and make sure there's nothing blocking water flow from your home. Left unchecked, you run the risk of damaging your foundation, ceilings, walls and possibly basement flooding.

6. Don't let things get off kilter –

Check your air filters

Don't make your HVAC system work harder than it needs to this winter. Check your air filters for collected dirt and dust. By keeping your filters clean, you'll not only have cleaner air, but you could also save on your energy bill. Another plus is that your rooms can be more properly warmed. Make sure to find the appropriate sizes and replace your air filters this winter.

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7. Avoid harm with working carbon monoxide and smoke alarms

When we're running our heating systems, space heaters, and fireplaces during the wintertime, it's important to make sure our CO detectors and smoke detectors are functioning properly. If your smoke alarm is beeping, it may be time to replace the batteries or replace the unit. There is also an influx of home fires in the fall and winter, with most of them starting in the kitchen and being caused by heating sources (The Red Cross). Make sure you and your family are prepared with working CO detectors and smoke alarms.

8. Store away your seasonal tools

Keep your shovels, rakes, trimmers, and other tools stored safely away from the winter elements. You'll prolong their use and also be able to easily locate them when you need them. Also, consider keeping a de-icing product or medium on hand like sand or salt if you live in an area prone to snow and ice.

9. Keep things bright with working outdoor lights

Check your outdoor lights to ensure they're burning. If you want to try to save on your bill, consider adding solar lights to your driveway or yard. You can also invest in smart lighting to set a schedule for when your outdoor lights should turn on and off. Plus, this can help with securing your home to make it look as if someone's there when everyone's away.

10. Be sure to trim those tree limbs

Once the leaves fall off trees for the winter, limbs are exposed, and a lot of times you may be able to identify dead limbs as well as those that have dropped down too close to the ground or above your house. Go ahead and arrange for the limbs to be trimmed back. Ultimately, you'll spare yourself some extra trouble and work in the event of an ice or snowstorm.

11. Keep in step with winter storm prep

Are you stocked up on food supplies and household necessities in the event of winter storms? If possible, try to avoid the rush before the storm by stocking up on supplies like flashlights, batteries, canned goods, water, medications, blankets, and any other necessary items. Having these items on hand can make a huge difference in the event you're snowed in, the roads are too bad to travel, or worse – there's no power.

12. Don't wait until later – Do you have a generator?

It's better to be over-prepared than under-prepared in the event of an emergency. If you don't have a home generator, we'd recommend investing in one just in case you lose power – especially if you live a good distance from city services or neighbors. Look for generators that have cold start technology, a portable design, and a fuel gauge. With a generator, you can also prevent perishables from going to the bad (and having to replace them later). Just make sure you follow safety procedures when using your generator.

— Safety and Security Reporter, Safety.com, Jalesa Campbell

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Prepare for winter is the byword in October. In the garden world 'winter' is signaled by the first killing frost. A light freeze of 29 to 32 degrees Fahrenheit will kill very tender plants. To extend the season you can cover the most tender plants at night with a sheet or other lightweight protective covering. Be sure to remove the covering first thing in the morning. You may even successfully protect plants with a moderate freeze of 25 to 28 degrees Fahrenheit.

If your containers are moveable they can be put in a protected spot like a garage then moved back to the garden when the weather warms up. If you have room indoors cut back a favorite potted geranium to three inch stems and put it in a sunny window. It will grow and bloom before next spring when it can be brought back outside.

The first hard frost -- 24 degrees and colder signals the end of the growing season. Most herbaceous perennials will not be able to tolerate weather that cold.

GARDEN TO-DO LIST:

- All month prune dead, broken or diseased branches from trees and shrubs.
- Save seeds of your favorite annuals but don't expect an exact replication of your current plant.
- Flowers like snapdragons, alyssum, marigolds, violas, portulaca, and cosmos are excellent re-seeders. Do not cultivate the soil around these plants if you want more of them next season.
- Plant garlic now for harvesting next summer.
- Cover asparagus and rhubarb beds with 3 to 4 inches of mulch.

- Dig up and store in a dry location tender bulbs such as cannas, dahlias and gladiolus.
- Parsley can be dug, divided and potted to grow in a sunny window indoors all winter.
- Continue to plant spring bulbs. Allium and fritillaria are two of the more unusual bulbs that do well in our area. If deer are a problem in your garden check deer resistance of bulbs before you purchase.
- Clean, sharpen and oil tools and equipment before storing them for winter.
- Drain or blow out your irrigation system. Set up a hose system at your water spigots for important winter watering on mild days. If you make it easy to get at you're more likely to water over winter.

Lawns: Fertilize your lawn mid-to-late October with a winterizing fertilizer. Experts consider this the most important fertilization of the year. If your lawn looks thin, weak, or scraggly, core aeration in October will improve lawns that have thatch build up or show signs of soil compaction.

–By Eileen Tully, Colorado Master Gardener

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August

	2022	2023	+/-
Active Listings	1,653	1,259	-23.8%
Pending Listings	901	807	-10.4%
New Listings	1,100	989	-10.1%
Closed Listings	937	862	-8.0%
Days in MLS	18	21	+16.7%
Median Closed Price	\$521,250	\$525,000	+0.7%
Average Closed Price	\$583,817	\$640,307	+9.7%
% of Closed Price to List Price	99.7%	99.6%	-0.1%

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03/03/2023	1511 E Kettle Avenue	\$825,000	\$810,000	5	4	2,612	2
05/25/2022	7760 S Wellington Street	\$665,000	\$667,375	4	3	2,160	2
05/19/2023	7873 S Vine Street	\$625,000	\$630,000	4	3	2,174	2
08/12/2022	7880 S High Street	\$685,000	\$630,000	4	3	2,591	2
07/27/2022	2276 E Mineral Avenue	\$615,000	\$597,800	5	3	2,157	2
10/14/2022	2383 E Long Avenue	\$625,000	\$585,000	5	2	2,420	3
08/04/2023	2360 E Kettle Avenue	\$595,000	\$580,000	5	2	1,650	1
08/14/2023	7781 S Race Street Centennial	\$585,000	\$560,000	4	3	1,838	1
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