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TOP 10 MUST DOS

- Replace air conditioning/heating system filters. Vacuum the area behind filters.
TIME: 30 min. COST: \$15
- Clean and inspect gutters/downspouts. Repair if needed. TIME: 1 hour COST: FREE
- Rake leaves from the lawn.
TIME: 1 hour COST: FREE
- Drain gas from the lawnmower. Tune up the engine and sharpen the blade.
TIME: 1 hour COST: \$10
- Install storm windows and storm doors.
TIME: 2 hours COST: varies
- Drain and flush the water heater.
TIME: 1 hour COST: FREE
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
TIME: 30 min. COST: FREE
- Check all weatherstripping on doors and windows. Replace if damaged.
TIME: 2 hours COST: varies
- Drain lawn irrigation system.
TIME: 1 hour COST: FREE
- Caulk all cracks on exterior of home.
TIME: 2 hours COST: varies

TOTAL TIME: 12 hours COST: \$80

IF TIME & BUDGET ALLOW

- Trim hedges and shrubs.
- Recoat the trim paint in at least one room of the house.
- Pull out & unplug the refrigerator to clean behind it. Vacuum the coils.
- Remove all dead plants from gardens, and trim dead tree limbs.
- Check caulking around the bathtubs. Re-caulk, if necessary.
- Clean and deodorize the dishwasher with white vinegar.

TOTAL TIME: 8 hours COST: \$15

A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA

- Split and stack firewood.
- Make sure fire extinguishers are fully charged.
- Replace liners in cabinet drawers.
- Clean and lubricate garden tools, then store them away.

TOTAL TIME: 5 hours COST: \$25

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