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Time for those Fall Projects!



September took everyone back to school. October starts the "getting prepped for Winter" season. Time for those Fall Projects!

Things To Do to Prep Your Home and Yard for Winter

Lawn Care. Get ready - it's almost time to rake leaves. But until then, time to aerate, trim and fertilize.

Check doors and windows for drafts. Time to fix or replace any drafty windows - before the Winter chill. Add or replace old insulation and stripping around your doors and windows.

Paint! Fall's cooler temperatures make it a great time to paint the exterior of your home. Or if you don't need the whole house painted, touch up the trim.

Check the roof. We still have plenty of hurricane season to go. But you can give the roof a good once over and fix anything you find.



Favorite Fair Foods!

Cotton Candy!! Spun sugar and food coloring. Enough said!

if you didn't in the Spring, do it now.

Furnace check. Time to have that furnace checked before you need it.

Carpet cleaning. Most of us don't think the time of year would matter for deep carpet cleaning. It can. Summer humidity and Winter cold both hinder drying. Fall is perfect because you can open the windows and allow air to circulate for faster drying.

Gutter cleaning. We all hate cleaning out gutters! But it needs to be done to protect your home. Remember to check the downspouts and ends for clogs.

Drive ways and walk ways. Check your drive ways and walk ways for cracks or missing chunks. Rain and Winter freezes and cause more damage.

Inspect water pipes and sprinkler systems. Check all the pipes in your home for leaks or damage. Any exposed pipes should be "winterized". Also check lawn sprinkler systems.

Check that fireplace - be SAFE! Your fireplace and chimney should be cleaned and inspected for damage (masonry, flue caps, dampers), blockages (bird nests) and flammable buildup (creosote).

And of course - Smoke and Air detectors! Make sure your detectors all work. Change the batteries.

Information source: bhg.com/home-improvement

Candy Apples were invented in 1908 by a New Jersey candy maker trying to come up with a new Christmastime offering. They made their way to the State Fair of Texas in 1950.

The Funnel Cake — a fried crosshatch or squiggly design sprinkled with powdered sugar — has become a favorite since it was introduced in 1980.

Elephant Ears — another fried dough — usually eaten with sweet toppings such as cinnamon, sugar and/or jam.

Corn on the cob was introduced to fair-goers in 1969 — *dipped in melted butter!*

The Turkey Leg was introduced in 1980.

Boiled Peanuts are essential fair food in most southern states.

Deep Fried Oreos invented in 2002 in Los Angeles.

Combined information sources: keranews.org and thedailymeal.com

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