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Company Hours If you are planning a visit to our office later in the day, please call ahead for hours. Some circumstances may cause our office to close earlier than listed below:

Field Crew Hours	Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 3:30 pm
Office Hours	Monday - Thursday	7:30 am - 4:30 pm
	Friday	7:30 am - 4:00 pm
	Saturday & Sunday	CLOSED

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - CLOSED
 Monday, October 14th
 Monday, November 11th
 Thursday & Friday, November 28th & 29th

Safe Digging Is No Accident:

Always Call 811 Before You Dig!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD. DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK 1 HOUR.

Congratulations to our Summer Newsletter contest winner *Mr./Mrs. Calvin Ruthenberg* and thank you to all of our customers who made donations too!!!

C O N T E S T

Stop into our office and make a donation to a local animal shelter **Allegany SPCA**, for a chance to win a prize!

WISH LIST...



Cleaning Supplies:

- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Hay
- ◆ Straw
- ◆ Dish Soap
- ◆ Liquid Laundry Soap
- ◆ Blankets
- ◆ Towels and Washcloths
- ◆ Trash Bags

Pet Supplies:

- ◆ Canned cat and Kitten Food
- ◆ Dry Kitten Food
- ◆ Dry Dog and Cat Food
- ◆ Dog and Cat Treats
- ◆ Wood Pellets used for kitty litter
- ◆ Dog Collars and leaches
- ◆ Dog and Cat toys

As much as we all love summer (we'll miss you, grilling parties!), it's safe to assume you've also been counting down the weeks, days, and hours until the first day of fall. Before long, you know you'll be Googling "fall activities near me" and looking for the best things to do in the fall! Well, look no further—we've done the hard work for you!

- ◇ Swap Scary Stories by a Bonfire
- ◇ Mix Up Your Seasonal Apple Recipes. Baking is always fun with your family
- ◇ Take a Camping Trip and add in a nice hike, you'll have a nice day get away
- ◇ Jump in a Huge Pile of Leaves. I mean who does not like to live like a kid some days?
- ◇ Carve Pumpkins! With fall fast approaching that means Halloween is close by!
- ◇ Make Fall Sangria
- ◇ Tailgate at a Football Game
- ◇ Go Apple Picking at a Local Orchard
- ◇ Take a Fall Foliage Drive

Written by Country Living

Autumn is on its way and that means your house will need a couple quick prep, fix, and check-up projects before it gets here. According to Hometalk Expert Nelmie from EARP Construction, below are several things you can do inside your home in order to prepare for the fall.

1. Make or buy draft snakes to put against the threshold of your doors. This old school method that our grandparents used is still a very affordable way of keeping cold air from sneaking indoors. Just keeping drafts out can save you 5%-30% on your monthly energy bill.
2. Reverse your ceiling fans. Counter-clockwise rotation produces a cooling breeze while clockwise circulates the warm air near the ceiling area and blows it back down towards the living area. You can do this on a low speed once in a while during the fall season.
3. Change your water temperature. Most households keep their warm water temperature at 140 degrees F, even though most of us would never shower in such steamy water. Because you're billed by the degree, reducing your water temperature to 120 degrees F can save you a ton of money.
4. Check your fire extinguisher. It is very important to inspect your fire extinguisher on a yearly basis at the fire department for safety and insurance reasons, and this is a good point in the year to do it.
5. Close up air leaks around windows and doors. 5% – 30% of your energy escapes through gaps in your window frame or the space around your door. Check the spaces around windows and doors for drafts, and seal them using caulk or weather stripping.
6. Wrap up your pipes. Pipes tend to freeze during this season and wrapping them up can prevent that from happening. An easy way to wrap pipes is to use cut pool noodles to create foamy insulation.
7. Sweep your chimney, and clean your fire place. This is an extremely important check that you need to do before the start of the fall season. Creosote is a very high flammable substance that builds up inside the chimney as a result of burning wood and it needs to be cleaned out for your safety and energy efficiency. Before you get the fireplace up and running with your marshmallows, your fireplace also needs a thorough cleaning. Make sure there are no nests from spiders, and clean out all the leaves that may have fallen into the fireplace area. You can also make a mixture of warm water and mild dish washing liquid to clean up the mess around the fire place.

It is very important to have your heating unit checked by a professional before the fall season starts. It is advisable to inspect the burners, combustion area, venting, and even the appearance of the flame. For a gas furnace, an inspection of the air intake and winterization is needed. Detailed instructions can be found in your owner's manual but if you're unsure, call a professional. If you have an older thermostat with liquid, clean it and level it to ensure proper functioning. Make sure that you or the inspector checks all visible wiring and electrical connections for damage, like burns or loose nuts. During the fall season, ensure that your air filters are changed regularly. You'll notice if it's not running properly because your monthly bills will be higher. Make sure that any furniture you move around is not blocking the heating unit. Also, be sure to check outside that any external parts are not blocked by leaves or grass, because that can also decrease air flow. Lastly, check that the boiler can be switched on and off via your thermostat.

If you plan to sell your home this season, recommend a time frame of three months in which to have someone inspect the heating unit before turning it on for the season. This way the buyer has ample time to plan their repairs and inspections in and around the house. It's always a good idea to get a few quotations to inspect your heating unit and book inspection a month before the fall season begins.