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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 and/or remain open later than listed below:

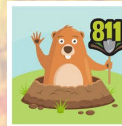
Field Crew Hours	Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 3:30 pm	HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - CLOSED
Office Hours	Monday - Friday	7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Monday, October 11th
	Saturday & Sunday	CLOSED	Thursday, November 11th
			Thursday & Friday, November 25th & 26th

GAS EMERGENCIES IMMEDIATELY CALL
(716) 937-9484 AVAILABLE 24/7

All emergency calls received after regular business hours will be answered by our automated system and returned promptly. A message must be left in order for our crew to be dispatched.

Safe Digging Is No

Accident:
Always Call
811 Before
You Dig!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH.
DON'T FORGET TO FALL
BACK 1 HOUR.



*In the event of a **FIRE EMERGENCY**, first escape
and then notify the fire department!*

All public services involved in an emergency shall notify Reserve Gas as soon as possible. Annually, all public services are provided with an Emergency Notification List, along with pertinent information to be used in the event of an emergency. For your well-being and others practice fire-safe behaviors when smoking, cooking and heating. Maintain smoke alarms, develop and practice a fire escape plan and if possible, install home fire sprinklers.

TOP TEN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR FALL

Summer is over, and in many places the air is turning colder. As the weather changes be sure to take advantage of what the fall season has to offer. Even if you don't live in a place that sees a lot colorful leaves, there are fun family-friendly ways to get outdoors this fall:

1. **Go apple picking.** Sure, most of us can get apples year-round from the grocery store, but there's nothing quite like orchard fresh apples, picked straight from the tree during harvest season. That crunchy, tangy, sweet apple flavor is at its peak during this time of year. Many commercial orchards will let you pick your own. It's not only fun, it's also a great way to show kids where their food comes from. Get extras for canning applesauce, or making pies. When you're done, warm up with a delicious mulled cider.
2. **Go on a nature hike.** Bring along a field guide to identify different kinds of trees. Look for wildlife collecting food for winter. Explain to kids how animals are starting to fatten up and grow thick, protective winter coats. Watch for migrating birds.
3. **Collect fall leaves.** Press them into books or preserve them in glycerin (recipe below*). Paste them onto handmade paper to create greeting cards, or glue them between two pieces of wax paper to make an attractive sun catcher. Go lightly on the glue, or substitute crayon shavings to add color; use a warm iron to melt the shavings and hold the paper together.
4. **Take a hayride.** Many farms offer hayrides during the fall. This is a great way to kick back and enjoy nature with smaller kids who may not be up for a long walk.
5. **Visit the pumpkin patch.** Don't buy your Halloween pumpkin from the grocery store. Go straight to the source. Kids will love wandering around the patch to pick out the perfect pumpkin. Choose a couple of big ones for jack-o-lanterns, and grab a few smaller ones for painting or general household decorations. Smaller pumpkins make great additions to fall centerpieces. Roast the seeds in your oven with a sprinkling of tasty spices, and grab a few to make pumpkin pies.
6. **Visit a corn maze.** Many farms earn extra income for the winter by turning their cornfields into large mazes. Test your directional sense, and get some fresh air in the process. Corn mazes are fun for all ages.
7. **Stuff a scarecrow.** Dig out an old shirt and overalls, and stuff it with leaves until firm. Add a pumpkin head (from your trip to the pumpkin patch) and you've got a great fall decoration.
8. **Fly a kite.** The gusty air makes autumn a great time for flying kites. Buy one from the store, or make your own from two long sticks, strong paper, and string.
9. **Have a bonfire.** Invite some friends over for a backyard bonfire. The chill in the air makes fall the perfect time to sit together by the warmth of a blazing fire with a nice warm mug of cocoa or cider. Be sure to get any necessary permits from your town first.
10. **Make a leaf pile and jump in!**

The best way to get into the fall spirit while simultaneously preparing for colder weather and the holiday season is to do a bit of fall cleaning. Spring cleaning might be more popular, but fall cleaning is crucial as the temperatures drop and you begin to spend more time inside. Here are some ways you can organize and prepare your home for autumn.

1. Clean the Rain Gutters

This might not be your favorite activity, but it's a crucial step in winterizing your home. If you don't properly clean your gutters, water and snow won't be able to flow freely from your rooftop. If snow or ice builds up in the winter, you might notice a development of ice dams, which can damage your roof. Wait until the leaves on the trees surrounding your house have fallen, then climb on a ladder and clear all leaves, branches, and debris from the rain gutters. Don't hesitate to hire someone if you don't feel confident on a ladder.

2. Declutter Your Pantry

Organize your spices and dry ingredients, like brown sugar and flour, and dispose of any that are out of date. The best way to figure out if spices are starting to go bad is if they start to lose their fragrances. Dry ingredients, like flour or sugar, might show you that they are past their prime through their textures if they are too clumpy or too coarse. If you have any neglected snack foods that might be stale, throw them out as well.

3. Clean Out Your Fridge

Nothing creates unnecessary clutter in your refrigerator quite like expired fruits and vegetables. Perform a clean sweep of your refrigerator, disposing of foods that are past their prime. Clear out the foods you plan on keeping, then clean your fridge drawers and shelves of any spills. Then put the food back in, placing foods that typically go bad in crisper drawers or in the front, so you can use or dispose of them instead of leaving them neglected in the back. If you detest the dreaded fridge smell, buy some baking soda and leave the package open in the back of one of the shelves. The powder absorbs some of the unpleasant smells, leaving your refrigerator smelling fresh and clean.

4. Store the Patio Furniture

Put your outdoor furniture in your garage, basement or well-insulated shed to make sure it doesn't get damaged from unruly weather conditions. If you have outdoor potted plants, you'll also want to move them inside once the temperature drops below fifty degrees.

5. Organize Your Closet

Get your fall and winter clothing out of storage and move them to the front of your closet. You can put your summer clothes in storage or simply move them to the back of your closet. If you want to go even further, you might decide to purge some items that don't fit anymore or that you haven't worn in a long time. Box up the clothes you no longer need and bring them to a nearby donation center. If you can't use them, it's safe to guarantee someone else will appreciate them.

6. Sweep the Chimney

As the temperature drops, you'll want to make use of your fireplace. Hire a professional chimney sweep to inspect and clean your chimney of any built-up chemicals or nests that animals may have placed inside your chimney. Neglecting these can result in a dangerous house fire.

7. Clean Your Oven

Fall is the perfect time for baking pies or scones, or for cooking a roast dinner. You might make regular use of your oven once the temperature drops. If you don't have a self-cleaning oven, you'll need to take care of it yourself. First, remove oven racks, hand-washing and hand-drying them before placing them back inside. As for the top, sides and bottom of your oven, you will need to use an oven-cleaning solution to clean any hardened or burnt food. You can clean the interior and exterior of the oven door with a damp washcloth, but try your best not to wet the gasket.

8. Dust Shelves, Surfaces, and Wainscoting

As you spend more time inside, you risk exposing yourself to more dust particles in an unclean home. Especially if you or the other members of your household have dust allergies, you'll want to stay vigilant in preventing the accumulation of dust along the surfaces in your home. Some people neglect cleaning their walls. However, walls with wainscoting allow a significant amount of dust to build up. Use a damp cloth to wipe down wood wall detailing without damaging the paint.

9. Wash and Replace Bedding

If you have warmer comforters or throw blankets that you like to take out for the colder months, switch out your summer bedding and put it in storage. If your warmer blankets feel dusty or musty, you might want to run them through the laundry to keep them fresh. Even if you use the same comforters all year round, throw your bedding in the wash. With the rest of your home clean, it will feel great to get into a clean bed at night.

Fall is the perfect time to get your home ready for long hours spent inside. If you start feeling restless, decorate your home with some beautiful flowers or add some green plants for vibrancy and cleaner air.