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As fall sellers prepare their homes, it's important to encourage them to ensure that their home has been properly maintained to avoid surprise issues as colder weather arrives. Here's a brief checklist to note or share with sellers.



INTERIOR

- ☐ Check ceilings and surfaces around windows for evidence of moisture.
- ☐ Check caulking around showers, bathtubs, sinks and toilet bases.
- ☐ Verify ceiling areas beneath bathrooms have no leakage.



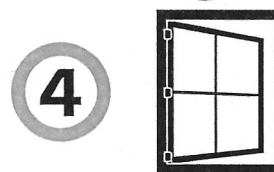
HEATING AND COOLING

- ☐ Check fan belt tension and listen for unusual noises.
- ☐ For boiler systems, check water level and shut-off valve for leaks.



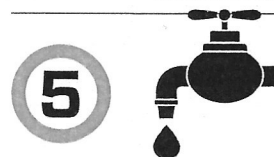
ELECTRICAL

- ☐ Periodically check for exposed wiring and cable. Replace as necessary.
- ☐ Check all lamp cords, extension cords and receptacles for wear.



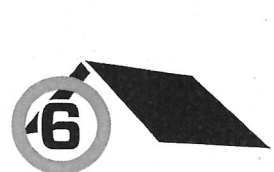
DOORS AND WINDOWS

- ☐ Look for loose or missing glazing putty.
- ☐ Check caulking for deterioration at the openings and joints between dissimilar materials (e.g., wood and masonry).
- ☐ Check weather stripping.



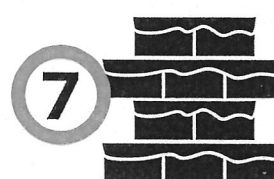
PLUMBING

- ☐ Check all faucets, hose bibbs and supply valves for leaking.
- ☐ Check for evidence of leaks around and under sinks, showers, toilets and tubs. Check all joints for adequate grout.



ROOF

- ☐ Check for any missing, loose or damaged shingles.
- ☐ Look for open seams, blisters and bald areas on flat roofs.
- ☐ Clean gutters, strainers and downspouts. Make sure downspouts divert water away from the foundation.
- ☐ Check fascia (board or roof trim) and soffits (connecting the roof overhang and the side of your building) for deterioration and damage.



FOUNDATION AND EXTERIOR

- ☐ Check foundation walls and floors for cracking, heaving, spalling, deterioration or efflorescence.
- ☐ Inspect chimney for loose, deteriorated or missing mortar or bricks.
- ☐ Check all wood surfaces for weathering and paint failure.
- ☐ Inspect all decks, patios, porches, stairs and railings for deterioration.

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