



### Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

Use this handy home maintenance checklist to keep your house—and property—in peak condition this winter.

Fall is just around the corner: time to get your house in shape for the cooler months ahead. Although autumn can be one of the busiest seasons for homeowners preparing for winter, it’s also the best time to take advantage of the moderate weather to repair any damages before the first frost sets in. Here are some home maintenance ideas that will keep your home running in peak condition all winter long.

#### EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

Check foundation for cracks and caulk around the areas where masonry meets siding, where pipes or wires enter the house, and around the windows and door frames to prevent heat from escaping.

After leaves have fallen, clean out the [gutters](#) and downspouts, flush them with water, inspect joints, and tighten brackets if necessary. Clogged gutters are one of the major causes of ice dams. Replace old or damaged gutters with new ones that have built-in leaf guards.

Weather-strip your garage door. Make sure the seal between your garage door and the ground is tight to prevent drafts and keep out small animals.

#### INTERIOR MAINTENANCE

“Heating and cooling amount to 47% of the energy costs in your home. Proper sealing and insulation can save up to 20% on heating and cooling costs, or up to 10% on your total annual energy bill,” says Katie Cody, spokeswoman for [Lowe’s](#). “Air leaks from windows and doors are easy to find by moving your hand around the frame. Applying [weather stripping](#) and caulk to these areas will help cut down on drafts.”

Have your heating system checked by a licensed heating contractor. Heating systems will use fuel more efficiently, last longer and have fewer problems if properly serviced.

Source: [www.HGTV.com](#)

### Community Garden in Morningview Ridge in 2016?

Morningview Ridge HOA community garden would be a piece of public land tended collectively by a neighbors who are interested in growing fresh fruits and vegetables, creating community, and establishing a connection to the environment. Are you interested in starting a 2016 community garden?

1. **Organize a meeting of interested people**
2. **Form a planning committee**
3. **Find a sponsor**
4. **Select a spot**
5. **Consider a spot for children**
6. **Determine the rules and put them in writing**
7. **Work together to create a community garden**

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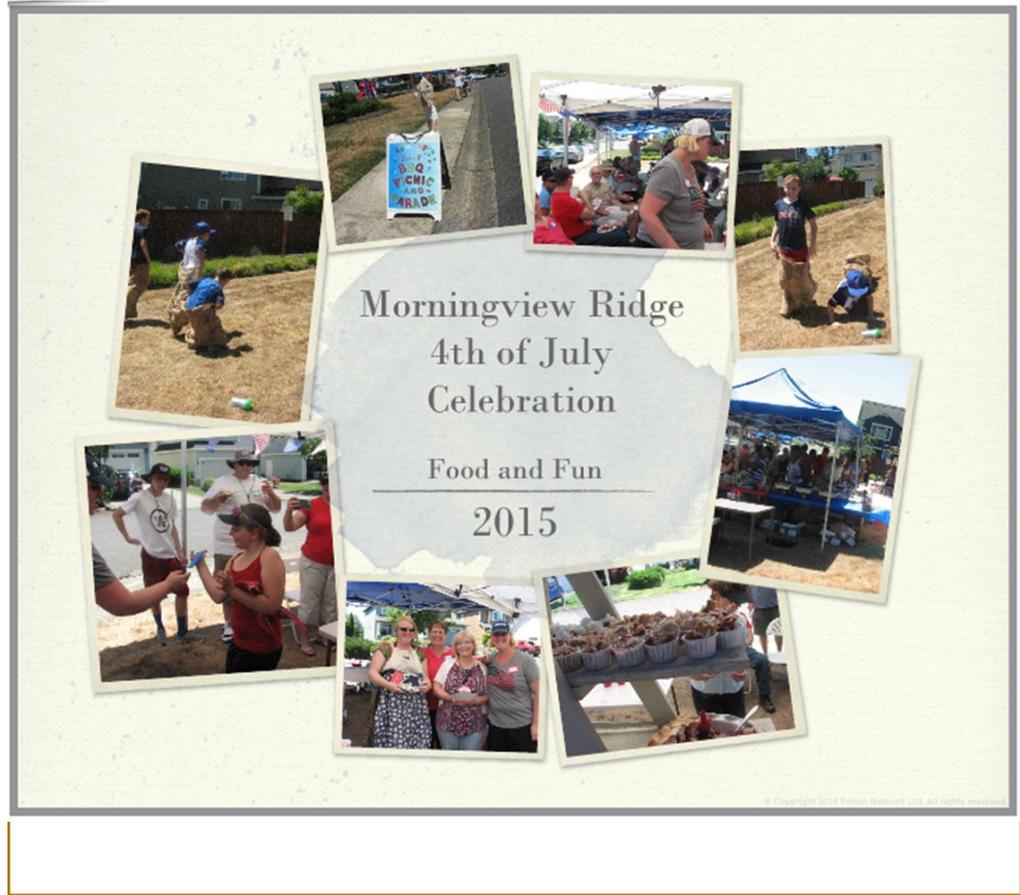
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<http://www.zillow.com/>

### Morningview Ridge Board Meetings

are held every third Wednesday at South Hill Library  
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## CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST

### Best Decorated House

We are calling all of Christmas tree lighting professionals. Test your lights and masterfully craft them on your windows, doors, and porches. For the third year in a row, your neighbors will judge creativity and select the best decorated houses in the Ridge. Prizes will be awarded to the top three houses. Competition begins on **Sunday, December 7th** and ends **Friday, December 19th**. All judging sheets should be put in the HOA black mailbox near the monument sign by Friday, December 19th.

*Christmas Light Contest*

*Who's Going to Take the Prize this Year?*

*Contest begins Dec 7th and ends Dec 19th*

*Select the best decorated home and drop your slip into the black HOA mailbox by the monument sign*

*Deadline Friday, December 19th*

*#1 Selection List the Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*#2 Selection List the Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*#3 Selection List the Address* \_\_\_\_\_



**\*\*\*Gift cards to be awarded to the top three houses—One entry per household**

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