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Here comes fall, and football, and trips up to see the aspen changing. Schools are in session, and it's definitely getting darker earlier. Now that our chickens are finally laying eggs, they'll probably slow down as the daylight hours lessen. But – coming up – pumpkin spice EVERYTHING! Be sure to ask how to get our **Real Estate Dashboard** app on your phone; now you can contact our office AND check inspector availability with one click! You can also head over to [www.groundfloorhomeinspection.com](http://www.groundfloorhomeinspection.com) to completely order an inspection. As always, we are here by phone or text to help you get your job done.

*Fall Maintenance Tips from bhg.com.....*

- **Get your mind in the gutters.** Inspect and clean gutters and downspouts.
- **Button up your overcoat.** Seal gaps and cracks around windows and doors with weather-stripping and caulk.
- **Get on top of roof problems.** Inspect your roof for damaged or curled shingles, corroded flashing, or leaky vents.
- **Walks the walks (and drives).** Take steps to repair damaged sidewalks, driveways, and steps.
- **Chill out.** Drain and winterize outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.
- **Freshen your filter.** Clean or replace dirty furnace filters.
- **Give your furnace a physical.** Have a professional inspect your heating system.
- **Gather round the hearth.** Check fireplaces for soot or creosote build-up. Better yet, schedule a visit from a reputable chimney sweep.
- **Head-off gas problems.** If you have a gas-fired room heater, have it inspected by a pro. Also, perform any routine maintenance recommended by the maker.
- **Keep the wood fires burning brightly.** Wood stoves are making a comeback. To avoid a deadly situation, be sure to inspect yours before firing it up.
- **Keep your family safe at home.** A home safety check should be an annual ritual in every household. Test smoke and CO monitors, inspect (or install) fire extinguishers, review fire escape plans, and rid your home of old newspapers and other fire hazards.



*Thinking of Tailgating this year? Try this out recipe for Oreo Football Cookies from food.com....*

INGREDIENTS: 1 brick cream cheese, softened; 1 15 oz. package Oreos finely crushed; 2 packages bakers semi-sweet, melted; 1 TB white decorators icing.

DIRECTIONS: MIX cream cheese and cookie crumbs until well blended. SHAPE into 40 (1-inch) football shapes. Freeze 10 minutes. DIP in melted chocolate; PLACE in single layer in shallow waxed paper-lined pan. Use icing to draw laces on footballs. REFRIGERATE 1 hour or until firm.

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