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Check for soil settlement around your foundation and fill any low spots. Ensure the ground around your home slopes away from the foundation walls so that water does not drain into your basement

Clean leaves and debris from eavestroughs, downspouts and the roof
Close interior valve to outdoor hose connection and drain the hose bib Video online at: www.northprairiehomes.com/customer-experience
Check sump pump and line for leaks and to ensure proper operation
Cover outside air-conditioning unit
Blow out your sprinklers. <i>This is an extremely important step as forgetting to do so could lead to major issues with your irrigation, which is excluded from your warranty.</i> If you are not comfortable with blowing out your sprinklers on your own, we recommend you contact your landscaper or a company that provides this service.
Clean filters on HRV system if necessary
Replace furnace filter if necessary
Test your furnace by ensuring the furnace switch is in the ON position, then set your thermostat to "heat" and temporarily heat. <i>Please note a new furnace may emit an odor</i> <i>when it's turned on for the first time. As well, an established system may emit an odor after</i> <i>being unused for an extended time (such as after the summer months). This is caused by</i> <i>dust that has settled in the ducts, it is completely normal and should dissipate after the furnace</i> <i>has run continually for a few hours. If the odor persists, contact North Prairie for further guidance.</i>
Check and clean bathroom exhaust fans and range hoods
Check door and window weather stripping; replace if necessary

Remove interior screens from windows to allow air movement; this will help keep condensation off your windows in colder months



