

# FALL CLEANING CHECKLIST FOR PEST PREVENTION



Cleaning, tidying, and decluttering is one of the best ways to prevent pests. As the cold weather rolls in, mice and spiders search for warm homes to call their own. Mice love sneaking into tiny crevices and getting stationed in attics, basements, garages, and even pantries or cupboards. And if you've noticed more spiders hanging around, it's because fall is spider mating season. Unfortunately this also increases your chances of meeting a spider.

This Fall Tidying Checklist contains simple tips to help you safeguard your home and prevent pests from moving in.

- Check refrigerator & cabinets for any expired food.
- Ensure all human & pet food is in airtight, sealed containers.
- Fill in tiny openings outside or in the corners of your home with steel wool & silicone caulking to keep mice out. Any spaces the size of or larger than a dime should be filled.
- Place a natural mouse repellent like [Stay Away Mice](#) in your basement, attic, closet, pantry or anywhere else mice or mice droppings have been noticed.
- Dust or vacuum infrequently cleaned areas like tops of cabinets, window sills, & closet shelves.
- Vacuum spider webs—look near windows, closets, attics or crawl spaces—and prevent those 8-legged critters from coming back by placing [Stay Away Spiders](#) in those areas.
- Before storing your summer clothes for the season; wash them & use [Stay Away Moths](#) pouches to prevent moths from snacking on your wardrobe.
- If you use rodent traps or poisons, replace them with a natural rodent repellent like [Fresh Cab](#).
- When storing your patio furniture place [Stay Away Spiders](#) pouches nearby to prevent infestations.
- Thoroughly clean your barbeque & place a zipper cover on it. The odor of propane attracts spiders—put [Stay Away Spiders](#) pouches inside the cover to prevent these 8-legged critters from nesting in the tubing of your gas grill, which can cause a burner blockage and fire hazard.
- Vacuum your vehicle, wash floor mats, & dispose of anything in your glove compartment or trunk you no longer need. A cluttered car can attract spiders.
- If you have a vehicle in storage, place a [Fresh Cab](#) pouch under the hood to keep pests away from electrical wires. Remember to remove the pouch before operating the vehicle.
- Prevent rodents from inhabiting vehicles you're currently driving by placing [Stay Away Mice](#) pouches in the glove compartment & trunk.
- Pest repellent pouches can also keep rodents and spiders from infesting RV's, trailers, boats, & motorcycles.
- Trim grass & shrubbery—make sure to dispose of leaf piles so rodents don't nest inside them. Clear debris from gutters so curious critters can't hide in the clutter.

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