

THE FRANKLIN FIVE

CLEAN YOUR RAIN GUTTERS

With leaves falling off the trees, it's time to make sure your drains are in good working order. Remove leaves with a small shovel and rinse debris with a hose (this also lets you keep an eye out for leaks). Pay special attention to the downspouts—with wet and cold weather, you won't want a blocked spout filling your gutters with water or ice.

PLAN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

If you haven't already, it's time to decide where you'll be spending the upcoming winter holidays. Once you've settled on where you'll be, open your planner and plan out transportation, lodging, getting time off work, and early shopping to stay ahead of the season.

TRY THE PUMPKIN

Pumpkin spice is everywhere during this time of year. Don't miss an opportunity to indulge just a bit.

CONSIDER ORDERING YOUR PLANNER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Planners for next year are ready for you to order. If you order yours now, you can avoid the rush at the end of the year, and get a jumpstart on your plans.

REORGANIZE THE GARAGE

If you're like the average person, the activities of summer have taken their toll on your garage. However, with winter around the corner you're going to want room in the garage for your cars. This is the ideal time to make your garage make sense. Toss out whatever you no longer need, and make storage solutions for the things you want to keep in there.

MY FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH

OCTOBER

FUN HOLIDAYS THIS MONTH

16 NATIONAL BOSS DAY

Make a card, write a letter, send an email, pick up donuts. Find a fun way to tell your boss or bosses that you appreciate them.



19 EVALUATE YOUR LIFE DAY

It's funny that there would be a single day of the year to evaluate your life—we encourage you to do that each time you plan, but make it a special focus today.



24 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Today has become the largest national day of community service and is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. So, get out and help your neighbor.



31 HALLOWEEN

Plan ahead for a safe evening of parties, tricks, and treats.

