

# Gutter Cleaning Checklist (Toronto Homeowners)

Use this checklist to safely maintain your gutters, prevent clogs, and reduce water damage risks. Follow each step during spring and fall cleaning cycles.

## Pre-Cleaning Safety Check

- Check weather conditions (avoid rain or wind)
- Inspect for overhead power lines
- Wear gloves and eye protection
- Ensure stable ground if using tools

## Basic Gutter Inspection

- Look for visible debris buildup
- Check for sagging or uneven gutters
- Inspect joints and seams for leaks
- Check downspout openings

## Cleaning Process

- Remove dry debris using vacuum or pole tool
- Flush gutters with water if needed
- Clear downspouts for proper flow
- Repeat until water flows freely

## Post-Cleaning Check

- Run water through system to test drainage
- Look for overflow or leaks
- Ensure downspouts discharge away from foundation

## When to Call Professionals

- Multi-storey home

- Persistent clogs or overflow
- Standing water in gutters
- Ice buildup or winter damage