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## ASPEN VIEWING COLORADO

It's that time to plan a couple trips to view our amazing aspen changing into bright yellows, oranges and reds. Shooting photography is a favorite way to spend my extra time and I always try to spend time looking for great shots. We are blessed in Colorado to be so close to such beauty. The aspen leaf picture below was from one of our adventures last year. What's your favorite place?



## Fall Home Maintenance Tips

Fall is coming fast! With the early snow on Pikes Peak, we know we better get going on those fall home maintenance things to keep our home in tip-top shape! Here is a great list to help you get started:

- Install new batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check your fire extinguishers
- Clean your kitchen exhaust hood and filter
- Drain sediment from your water heater
- Insulate exposed pipes as needed
- Schedule a furnace inspection and tune-up
- Vacuum your refrigerator coils
- Remove, or cover your window air conditioners
- Have your chimney and flues inspected
- Install storm windows if needed
- Turn off your outdoor water supply and remove hoses
- Inspect for roof damage and repair if needed
- Clean your gutters
- Inspect the caulk around your windows and doors - re-caulk as needed
- Cover or store your outdoor furniture

## A PERFECT DRINK FOR SEPTEMBER WEATHER!

**WARM PUMPKIN SPICE DRINK** (FROM FIVEHEARTHOMES.COM)



- 1 cup whole milk, heated until very warm
- ¼ cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Whipped cream and cinnamon

Place all ingredients in blender. Remove center cap from the lid of the blender and use a folded kitchen towel to loosely hold the cap over the hole in a manner that steam can escape. Turn on the blender to low and then increase it to high. Blend ingredients until frothy. Transfer mixture to a mug, top with whipped cream, if desired, and sprinkle with additional pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon.

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