



Home & Living:

September Checklist

- Buy two potted mums (the bigger, the better!) to place on either side of your porch. _____
- Invest in new wine glasses, at least eight, preferably 12! _____
- Go apple picking. _____
- Throw an al fresco dinner for your friends. Keep it easy: think green salad, grilled harvest veggies and chicken. Serve orchard-bought apple pie for dessert. _____
- Clean out your hall closet. Install a closet organizer if you don't already have one. _____
- Clean your small appliances. De-scale your coffeemaker, clean the bread tray of your toaster, detail your blender, deep-clean that panini grill. _____
- Subscribe to the Sunday New York Times. It's the perfect indoor Sunday-morning pastime! _____

Tip Easy fall entertaining

Now's the time of year when entertaining is at its easiest. The weather's perfect for outdoor dining (just get some votives and you've got instant ambiance). It's harvest time, which means local veggies are at their peak, requiring a minimum of prep to taste great, usually just simple grilling on the BBQ.