



How to get your home WINTER READY

Check Windows & Doors

- Inspect windows and doors for drafts.
- Seal gaps and cracks with weather-stripping or caulking.
- Consider adding thermal curtains or window insulation film.

Service your Heating System

- Schedule a professional inspection and maintenance for your furnace or heating system.
- Replace air filters regularly.

Check Chimney & Fireplaces

- Schedule a chimney sweep to clean and inspect your chimney.
- Ensure the damper opens and closes properly.

Winterize Faucets & Irrigation

- Disconnect and drain garden hoses.
- Shut off and drain outdoor water faucets.
- Winterize irrigation systems to prevent freezing.

Check Outdoor Lighting

- Ensure outdoor lights are working and replace bulbs as needed.
- Consider adding additional lighting for safety during dark winter evenings.

Seal Foundation Cracks

- Inspect the foundation for cracks and seal them to prevent drafts and water leaks.

Inspect & Clean Gutters & Roof

- Remove leaves, debris, and other obstructions.
- Ensure downspouts direct water away from the foundation.
- Check for loose or damaged shingles.

Check Insulation

- Insulate exposed pipes in unheated areas.
- Keep cabinet doors open to allow warm air to reach pipes under sinks.
- Ensure adequate insulation in the attic and walls.
- Consider adding extra insulation if needed.

Prepare for Snow Removal

- Service and test snow blowers or shovels.
- Stock up on ice melt or sand for walkways and driveways.

Check Safety Detectors

- Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Test detectors to ensure they are working properly.
- Ensure you have enough emergency supplies in case of power outages.

Trim Trees & Branches

- Trim overhanging branches to prevent damage during winter storms.
- Remove dead or weak branches.