

Stay ahead of winter's challenges with this essential home maintenance checklist.

Follow these steps to protect your home and ensure a safe, warm, and efficient winter season.



Exterior Maintenance

- **Inspect and clean gutters**, remove leaves and debris to prevent ice dams and water damage.
- **Check roof and shingles**, look for missing or damaged shingles that could lead to leaks.
- **Seal windows and doors**, apply weather stripping or caulking to prevent drafts and heat loss.
- **Drain and store hoses**, shut off exterior water valves and store garden hoses to prevent freezing.
- **Check outdoor lighting**, ensure walkways and entrances are well lit for safety during dark winter evenings.
- **Inspect chimney and fireplace**, clean and check for obstructions before lighting your first fire.



Interior Maintenance

- **Service heating system**, replace filters and schedule a professional HVAC inspection.
- **Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors**, replace batteries and test functionality.
- **Reverse ceiling fans**, set to clockwise rotation to circulate warm air efficiently.
- **Check for drafts**, use a candle or incense stick near doors and windows to detect leaks.
- **Stock up on winter essentials**, ensure you have salt, shovels, and emergency supplies ready.



Plumbing Protection

- **Insulate pipes**, wrap exposed pipes in unheated areas to prevent freezing and bursting.
- **Let faucets drip**, during extreme cold let faucets slightly drip to keep water moving.
- **Know the main water shutoff**, ensure everyone in your household knows how to turn off water in case of emergency.



Emergency Preparedness

- **Check snow removal equipment**, make sure shovels, snow blowers, and ice melt are accessible.
- **Prepare an emergency kit**, include blankets, flashlights, batteries, and non perishable food.
- **Review home insurance**, confirm your policy covers winter related damages.
- **Service snow blowers and permanent generators** before bad weather sets in.

Regular maintenance helps prevent costly repairs and keeps your home cozy throughout the season. Let us help you set up routine maintenance services to provide peace of mind throughout the year. Stay warm and safe this winter!

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