

HOME WINTERIZATION CHECKLIST





Winter is coming!

Protect your home this season by being prepared for the months ahead. This checklist will give you 10 tasks to get started on winterizing your home.

1.

Protect your pipes from freezing.

- Shut and drain underground sprinklers, outdoor showers, and outdoor kitchens
- Shut off outdoor faucets and disconnect hoses from spigots
- Leave indoor faucets dripping in temperatures below 10°F



2.

Clean up your yard and roof.

- Clean and inspect gutters and snow guards
- Rake and remove leaves in order to prevent mold and ruin your grass

Tip: Recycle a quart milk bottle by turning it into a gutter scoop



3.

Take care of your concrete.

- Take caution as to not use ice-melt or salt on concrete for two years after it has been poured- instead, use sand
- Make sure to have a snow shovel or plow on hand



4.

Secure your heating and cooling.

- Contact your HVAC service center to check your heater, and make sure to replace your filters
- Hire a chimney sweep before using a fireplace

Tip: Caulk any holes or openings allowing draft



5.

Prepare your garden beds for the winter.

- Plant for spring- trees, shrubs, and some perennials can be planted before the ground freezes

Tip: Shredded leaves can be used as organic mulch in flower beds and vegetable gardens. Apply a 2- to 3-inch layer of shredded leaves to the beds, keeping the mulch from directly touching the stems and trunks of the plants





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