

# Winter Weather



## Winterizing Your Home

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Winterization of your home should begin well in advance of winter. Take preventive measures to winterize your home before winter's arrival to ensure you, your family and your home are protected.

- **Insulate your home.** Insulation ensures your home remains protected against cold temperatures. Re-insulating your walls, ceiling and attic will prevent warm air from escaping. Additionally, consider insulated tubing which can be wrapped around pipes to prevent freezing.
- **Apply weather stripping and caulking.** Weather stripping around windows and exterior doors can keep cold air out and warm air in. Use weather resistant caulk to seal hard-to-reach locations; even small cracks can contribute to substantial heat loss.
- **Close your chimney.** Keep your chimney damper closed anytime the fireplace is not in use to limit the amount of cold air that enters your home.
- **Install storm windows and apply window sheeting.** To provide an additional layer protection against freezing weather and leakages.
- **Clear gutters of debris.** Clean gutters regularly to prevent ice dams from forming which can result in interior water damage.
- **Check the structural integrity of your roof.** Identify and take steps to fortify potential trouble spots that could weaken under the heavy weight of snow.
- **Prune your trees.** Falling trees could cause structural damage during inclement winter weather.
- **Install carbon monoxide detectors.** Ensure your home is well ventilated and equipped with functional smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- **Clean your wood burning stove.** Wood burning stoves should be cleaned on a frequent basis to remove soot and buildup.



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