



Winterizing the Outside of your home:



- Clean out gutters by removing leaves, sticks and other debris so melting snow and ice can flow freely.
- Trim trees and remove dead branches, as the weight of ice and snow could cause branches to break and may damage your home, car or injure someone walking by your property.
- Seal cracks or holes on outside walls & foundations with caulk or weather stripping to prevent melting snow from seeping in and freezing affecting outside walls & foundations.
- Disconnect hoses-Most exterior faucets have built-in protection against freezing in cold weather, but they work only if no hose is connected. So no matter how busy you are this month, invest a few minutes in unscrewing hoses or checking to make sure they are already off.
- Check for windows/Storm windows are closed and take down any window air conditioning units that may be installed.



- Inspect wood stoves and fireplace inserts
If you burn wood, you probably know to hire a certified chimney sweeper to clean the chimney or inspect the wood stove annually. If you have a fireplace insert or a wood stove, also check the gasket around the door. If it's frayed or loose, replace it when the fireplace or stove is cold.
- Check all windows for breaks or cracks and repair.
- Caulk around windows if needed.





Winterizing the Inside of your home:

- Maintain a constant temperature in your home to keep your pipes from freezing.
- Adding extra insulation in your attic could prevent heat from escaping through your roof, causing snow to melt faster and overload your gutters.
- Have your ceiling fans move in a clockwise direction so they push hot air along the ceiling towards the floor.
- Check your pipes for cracks or leaks, and wrap any exposed pipes with insulation or heating tape.
- Make sure that smoke and fire alarms are working properly along with replacing the battery, and consider installing a carbon monoxide detector.
- Know where your pipes are located and learn how to shut the water off if your pipes freeze.
- Remove any window air conditioning units that may be installed to help prevent the cold air from entering the structure.





Preparing for winter with Boilers/Furnaces/Heating Systems

- Have your Heating serviced
- Change Filters
- Check the thermostat to see if it is working properly
- Check all room vents to make verify that they are not blocked or turned off
- Gas heating system: Check the vent systems and see if they need servicing (Cleaning)

