

Home Winterization Checklist



Water and Plumbing

- Shut off the main water valve
- Shut off the water heater and pump
- Close inside valves that supply outdoor faucets
- Drain all interior faucets and flush toilets
- Drain outdoor faucets and showers
- Remove and store any hoses, sprinklers, etc.
- Extra Credit: Install a smart water sensor to be alerted of leaks*

Heating System

- Replace furnace filters if needed
- If it's been a while, schedule a professional service / inspection
- Set the thermostat to at least 60°F to prevent pipes freezing
- Inspect any chimneys or stove pipes for obstructions
- Clean out fireplaces or wood stoves from ash and charcoal
- Make sure any dampers are closed
- Extra Credit: Install a smart thermostat that you can control remotely*

Roof and Gutters

- Remove leaves and debris from your gutters
- Check for proper drainage to avoid potential clogs
- Repair any leaks that could cause water damage
- Replace loose shingles that may blow off in a storm

Windows and Doors

- Check for rot around the window frames
- Inspect glass panes for broken window seals
- Install storm windows if you have them
- Ensure all access points are locked and secure

Yard Care

- Trim branches close to the house
- Have an arborist remove any trees that are unhealthy
- Store outdoor furniture, grills, etc.
- Drain and cover your swimming pool if you have one

General Maintenance

- Give your home a deep clean
- Test any battery backup or generator systems
- Unplug any electronics or appliances that will not be used