

Winterize your home in 6 easy steps.



Preparing your home for winter is something every homeowner should consider before the season really takes hold. Here are six quick and easy jobs you can do to help winterize your home.

1. Clear your eaves

Clogged eavestroughs can lead to the formation of ice dams, which can tear off gutters, loosen shingles and leave your roof vulnerable to leaks. Use a ladder to carefully climb to dig out the debris.

2. Shut off exterior faucets

Cold temperatures can cause pipes inside your home to freeze and burst, which can result in water damage. Locate and close any shut off valves that lead to outside faucets and drain any excess water inside the lines. It's also a good idea to drain any interior pipes in unheated areas of your home, such as an attic.

3. Test smoke and CO detectors

Detectors lose their effectiveness over time, so it's a good idea to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they're functioning, and replace old products after five years.

4. Inspect all weather stripping

Cracks or openings around doors and caulking around windows can lead to heat loss and cost you money on your utility bill. If you find any problem areas, hire a professional to make the necessary repairs.

5. Have your chimney inspected and cleaned

If you have a wood-burning appliance or fireplace, have it inspected and cleaned to reduce risk of fire.

6. Prevent slips and falls

Inspect your property regularly and keep up with snow and ice removal on and around your property, including your roof.

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