



Winterization Tips for Your Home & Yard

Outside:

- ✓ Remove all hoses and hose bibs. Drain hoses before storing for the winter.
- ✓ Turn off timed irrigation systems, as well as valves to the irrigation systems.
- ✓ Turn off any valves to outdoor fountains or water features.
- ✓ Insulate any exposed pipes and outside faucets.
- ✓ Cover outside vents near the foundation.
- ✓ Clean out gutters from any leaves or debris.
- ✓ Spot check your roof for any loose shingles or problem areas.
- ✓ Buy sidewalk salt ahead to be prepared for icy weather.

Under Your Home:

- ✓ Close all vents that were opened for summer.
- ✓ Make sure all water lines (both hot and cold) are wrapped in pipe insulation.
- ✓ Any water lines near open areas should have heat tape on the underside of the pipe insulation. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Garage Areas:

- ✓ Make sure all water lines (both hot and cold) are wrapped in pipe insulation.
- ✓ Any water lines near open areas should have heat tape on the underside of the pipe insulation. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- ✓ If your water heater is in the garage, do not turn it down to low or off when leaving for vacation. It will freeze without heat.
- ✓ However, if your washer is in the garage, do turn the water off when not in use.

Inside:

- ✓ Check around doors, windows, outlets and vents for air leaks. Add caulk or weather strip.
- ✓ Insulate pipes running through attics, crawl spaces or exterior walls.
- ✓ Turn your furnace on and make sure it is working properly. Scheduling service if needed.
- ✓ Replace your furnace's air filter. A dirty filter means your furnace has to work harder.
- ✓ Check attics, basements and crawlspaces for any insulation needs.
- ✓ Change the direction of ceiling fans. Clockwise rotation produces warmer air.
- ✓ Install a storm door. It can help seal drafts and reduce air flow.
- ✓ Control temperatures with a programmable thermostat.
- ✓ Remove and store window A/C units if possible.