



Winter Maintenance Checklist

**Wintertime is the best time to take care of home maintenance items after a busy fall!
This is the best time to take care of a few things inside when it is cold outside.
Cross off your to-do list before spring starts!**

Monthly Items

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors replace batteries or replace unit if older than 10 years.
- Inspect and/or replace fire extinguishers if they have lost some charge pressure.
- Change HVAC filters (as per system requirements or at least every 3 months).
- Clean and/or replace range hood filter and replace refrigerator water and air filters.
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Interior

- Set heat thermostat to a lower setting to conserve energy.
- During deep cold spells (<15 degrees for more than 24 hours) keep all interior doors open to encourage heat circulation.
- Clean HVAC humidifier or purchase a humidifier to maintain proper humidity in living space.
- Ensure that HVAC humidifier drain line is clear and not clogged.
- Insulate hot water heater with insulating blanket to conserve energy.
- Operate the hot water heater relief valve and ensure that water flows from the valve.
- Apply pipe insulation to internal exposed plumbing pipes to conserve energy.
- Test and reset your GFCI and AFCI outlets/breakers to ensure proper operation.
- Check the toilets for leaks and that the flush valve works properly to avoid wasting water.
- Inspect tile joints, grout & caulking on tile floors, backsplashes, sinks, toilets & in bathtub areas.
- Check water supply lines and drains under sinks for any signs of leakage and repair as necessary.
- Prepare for a storm (water, non-perishables, batteries, flashlights, weather radio, etc.)
- This is also a great time to plan and complete any interior remodeling to improve home value!
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Exterior

- Make sure any outdoor trash cans or recycling receptacles are easily accessible.
- Stock up on salt and/or sand for sidewalks and driveways and keep clear of snow and ice.
- Monitor roof for any ice dams or damage. Icicles are an indication of a poorly insulated attic and can create a potential ice dam and cause ice on walkways.
- If ice dams do develop, install heat tape or make note to install in the summer for next season.
- For heavy snow, use a roof rake to remove excess snow to reduce snow weight from roof.
- Check intake vents to ensure that screens are in place to prevent rodent intrusion.
- Clean snow and ice buildup from snowblowers after each use.
- Hang up Christmas lights and setup outside decorations!
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has provided this convenient list for you

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