



WINTERIZING YOUR HOME CHECKLIST

Winterizing your home and roof can help prevent unexpected repairs and costly damage! A few proactive steps now can make your home safer and more comfortable throughout the winter months.

Prepare Your Roof For Winter Weather

- **Inspect Shingles:** Look for cracked, curled, or missing shingles that could allow water and snow to seep in.
- **Check Flashing:** Make sure flashing around chimneys, skylights, and vents is secure to keep out moisture.
- **Clean Gutters and Downspouts:** Remove debris to prevent ice dams, which can cause water to back up and leak into the roof.
- **Schedule a Professional Roof Inspection:** Have a professional inspect your roof to identify any weaknesses or areas of concern before the harsh winter weather.

Ensure Your Attic is Properly Insulated and Ventilated

- **Add Insulation:** Make sure the attic is properly insulated to help prevent heat loss, which can cause snow to melt and refreeze as ice dams.
- **Check Attic Ventilation:** Ensure that attic vents are open and unobstructed to regulate temperature and avoid moisture buildup.

Prepare Windows and Doors

- **Apply Weatherstripping:** Add weatherstripping around windows and doors to keep cold air out and warm air in.
- **Use Insulating Window Film:** Apply window film or heavy curtains to improve insulation.
- **Inspect Caulking Around Windows:** Check and replace any cracked or worn caulk to keep out moisture and drafts.

Winterize Exterior Structures

- **Drain and Store Garden Hoses:** Remove and drain hoses, and turn off outdoor water sources to prevent freezing and cracking.
- **Check Exterior Walls for Gaps:** Seal any holes or cracks in exterior walls to keep out cold air and pests seeking shelter.
- **Protect Outdoor Furniture:** Cover or store outdoor furniture to keep it in good condition through the winter.

Check Your Heating System

- **Schedule Furnace Maintenance:** Have a professional inspect and service your furnace to ensure it's working efficiently.
- **Replace Air Filters:** Check and replace furnace filters to keep your heating system running smoothly.
- **Inspect Fireplace and Chimney:** If you have a fireplace, have the chimney cleaned and inspected for safety.

We're here to help!

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winter roof inspection.***