

Winterizing Your Home: Fall Preparation Checklist



Roof & Gutters

- ☐ Inspect and clean gutters to prevent ice dams
- ☐ Check roof shingles and replace any loose or missing
- ☐ Inspect flashing around chimneys and vents
- ☐ Ensure downspouts extend away from foundation

Exterior & Yard

- ☐ Seal gaps and cracks around windows, doors, and foundation
- ☐ Drain and store garden hoses
- ☐ Shut off and cover exterior faucets
- ☐ Trim overhanging tree branches near roof and power lines
- ☐ Mulch and cover sensitive plants
- ☐ Store patio furniture, grills, and décor

Outbuildings & Equipment

- ☐ Store outdoor equipment properly (mowers, trimmers, etc.)
- ☐ Add fuel stabilizer to gas-powered equipment
- ☐ Winterize lawn tools and clean before storage
- ☐ Inspect sheds and garages for insulation or leaks

Heating & Fire Safety

- ☐ Schedule a furnace inspection
- ☐ Replace furnace air filters
- ☐ Inspect and sweep chimneys and fireplaces
- ☐ Test smoke detectors and replace batteries
- ☐ Test carbon monoxide detectors

Interior Prep

- ☐ Reverse ceiling fan blades to push warm air downward
- ☐ Check insulation in attic and crawlspaces
- ☐ Weather-strip and caulk drafty doors and windows
- ☐ Insulate exposed pipes in basements and crawlspaces

Emergency & Safety

- ☐ Stock emergency supplies (flashlights, blankets, food, water)
- ☐ Check fire extinguishers are charged and accessible
- ☐ Review home insurance coverage for winter risks
- ☐ Mark driveways and walkways for snow removal

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