

WINTER HOME CHECKLIST

INSIDE THE HOME

- ☐ Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- ☐ Perform monthly testing on your security system to ensure it's communicating with the monitoring center.
- ☐ Change the air filter in your HVAC.
- ☐ Clean tile grout.
- ☐ Check for frozen pipes and plumbing.
- ☐ Install monitored water sensors to help prevent flooding.
- ☐ Tackle drywall/plaster repairs and painting projects (low humidity helps)
- ☐ Set up or adjust heating and cooling schedules on smart thermostats to maximize efficiency.
- ☐ Clean dryer filters, vent, and lint traps.
- ☐ Clean the inside of your stove.
- ☐ Check electrical appliances, outlets, and fuses.
- ☐ Have your chimney and fireplace inspected and cleaned by a professional.
- ☐ Have your furnace inspected by a professional.
- ☐ Create or update a home inventory.
- ☐ Organize storage areas.
- ☐ Create a cold weather survival kit.
- ☐ Review and update smart door lock user codes.

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OUTSIDE THE HOME

- ☐ Keep snow shoveled away from your foundation, garage, driveway, and parking spots.
- ☐ Check for and remove ice dams and icicles on your roof.
- ☐ Check any covered patio furniture.
- ☐ Clear debris from your gutters.
- ☐ Make sure downspouts and gutters have not been affected by snow and ice.
- ☐ Check outdoor security cameras to ensure snow build-up and icicles aren't obstructing your view.
- ☐ Take inventory of your supplies, including deicing salt and spare fuel.
- ☐ Trim tree branches away from your siding and windows.
- ☐ Wrap/insulate all exterior hose bibs.
- ☐ Check caulking around doors/windows for deterioration.
- ☐ Inspect concrete patios, driveways, or walkways and fill in any cracks, then apply concrete sealer.
- ☐ Put up plastic sheets or weather screens on windows to help keep in heat.
- ☐ Make sure ladders are at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.
- ☐ Check that firewood is covered, and move any rotted firewood away from your house.