



WINTER HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Protect your home,
lower costs, and avoid
winter surprises.





WHY WINTER MAINTENANCE MATTERS



Winter maintenance isn't just about comfort—it's about protecting your investment and avoiding preventable emergencies when repairs are hardest to schedule and most expensive.

Cold temperatures, snow, and ice can expose small issues quickly. Staying proactive helps you:

- Prevent frozen pipes and water damage
- Reduce heating costs during peak utility months
- Avoid emergency service calls during storms
- Extend the lifespan of major systems
- Maintain safety and home value

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HEATING & SAFETY ESSENTIALS

Your heating system works harder in winter than any other season, making regular maintenance essential for both safety and efficiency.

Key priorities include:

- Scheduling a professional furnace inspection
- Replacing HVAC filters regularly
- Testing carbon monoxide and smoke detectors
- Ensuring vents and registers are clear
- Inspecting fireplaces and chimneys

Neglecting these basics can lead to breakdowns, higher bills, or dangerous conditions.



WEATHERPROOFING & INSULATION

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Even small air leaks can cause noticeable heat loss, higher energy bills, and uncomfortable drafts throughout your home during winter.

Focus on sealing and insulation by:

- Re-caulking windows and doors
- Replacing worn weatherstripping
- Installing door sweeps
- Insulating attic hatches and crawlspaces
- Checking garage door seals

Proper weatherproofing improves comfort and lowers heating costs all season long.



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PLUMBING & WATER PROTECTION

Frozen pipes are one of the most common and expensive winter home emergencies, but they're also highly preventable with early preparation.

Protect your plumbing by:

- Disconnecting outdoor hoses
- Draining and covering exterior spigots
- Insulating exposed pipes
- Testing sump pumps
- Flushing water heaters
- Keeping cabinets open near exterior walls

A few simple steps now can prevent major water damage later.

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Snow and ice will always find the weakest points of your home's exterior, making fall and early winter inspections especially important.

Exterior maintenance should include:

- Cleaning gutters and downspouts
- Inspecting shingles and flashing
- Sealing small roof penetrations
- Trimming tree branches near the roof
- Clearing debris near the foundation

Good drainage and roof integrity help prevent leaks and ice dams.

ROOF, GUTTERS & EXTERIOR PROTECTION



ENERGY EFFICIENCY & INDOOR COMFORT

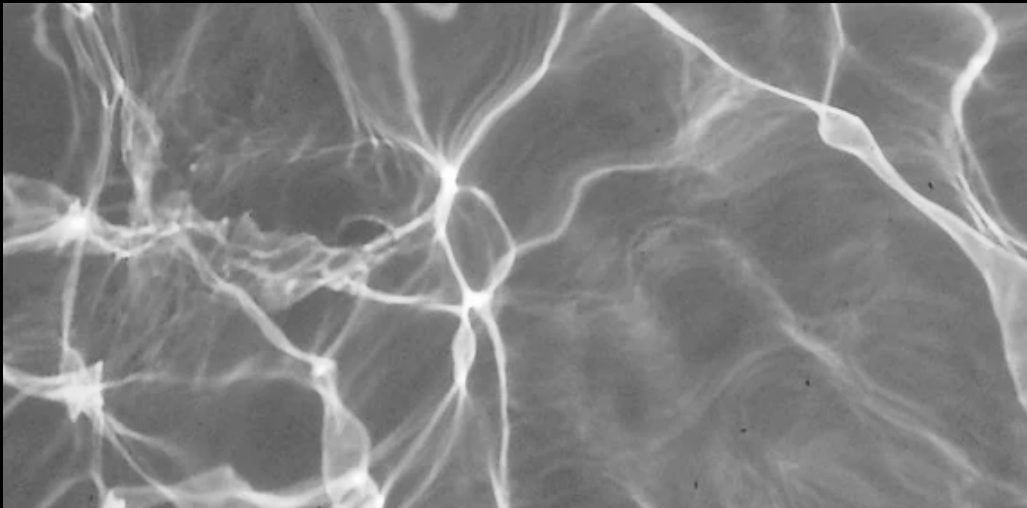
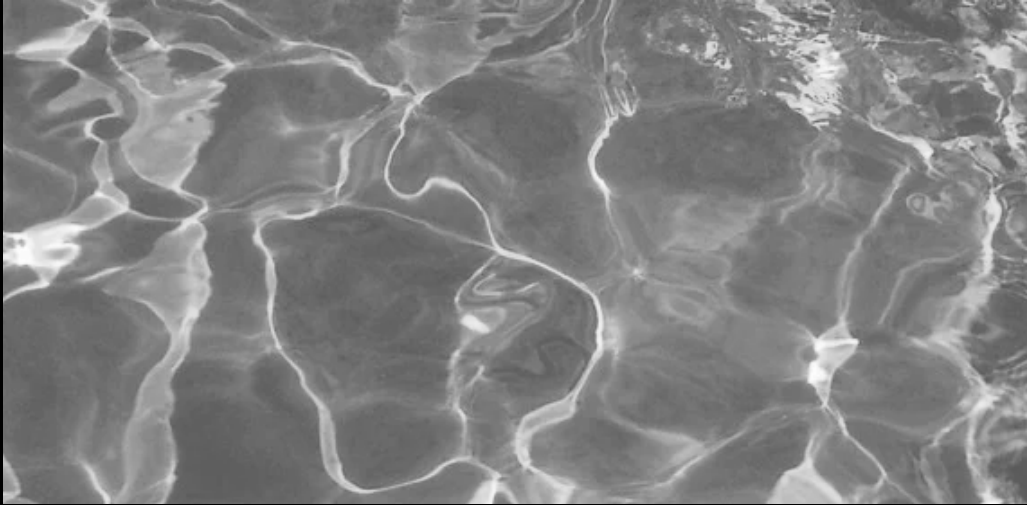
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Winter is the season when energy efficiency matters most, and small adjustments can make a noticeable difference in both comfort and monthly expenses.

Improve efficiency by:

- Programming thermostats
- Reversing ceiling fans
- Using warm LED lighting
- Sealing attic and basement air gaps
- Cleaning dryer vents and coils

These upgrades help your home work smarter, not harder.



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INTERIOR MAINTENANCE & WINTER READINESS

With more time spent indoors during winter, it's the perfect season to address overlooked maintenance and safety checks inside your home.

Interior priorities include:

- Testing outlets and breakers
- Securing handrails and steps
- Checking for moisture or pests
- Organizing emergency supplies
- Deep cleaning vents and filters

Staying proactive indoors prevents small problems from becoming big disruptions.

FINAL THOUGHTS & NEXT STEPS

A well-maintained home doesn't just survive winter—it stays comfortable, efficient, and protected through the toughest conditions.

Whether you plan to stay long-term, sell in the spring, or simply want peace of mind, winter preparation puts you in control and protects your investment.

Need help prioritizing this checklist or finding trusted local pros?

We're happy to help you create a customized winter maintenance plan for your home.





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