

TIPS TO WINTERIZE YOUR PROPERTY

Winter weather is unpredictable. Protect your property this winter with these great tips.



Cover Outdoor Spigots

Check with your local hardware store for Insulated Outdoor Faucet/Spigot Covers. They typically cost around \$4-\$10 and can save you thousands of dollars in damage and repairs.



Protect Your Water Lines

Wrap your exposed pipes with insulation pipe wraps from your local hardware store or use old towels and wrap them with duct tape.



Keep Water Flowing

Run your faucets with a small drip. Leave cabinet doors open and the pipes inside will be warmed by your room air.



Clean Gutters

Full gutters can increase the chance of ice forming on your roof. Gutter screens and or helmets can prevent leaves from clogging them.



Ensure Easy Access To Water Shut Off Or Own A Water Meter Key

If your waterlines burst, shut off the water supply as soon as possible. Keep the area clear for easy and quick access. Also, owning a water meter key is necessary to shut the water off at the main water valve on the street if necessary.



Seal Cracks & Holes

Check the outside of your home for small cracks or openings. You can purchase a can of spray foam insulation to close these up quickly. Also, inspect weather stripping and caulking around all doors and windows. This should be done yearly around your home.



Check Your HVAC System

Check and change air filters. Inspect and repair broken parts. Inspect vent work for leaks or holes that might be damaging efficiency. Cover all outdoor air-conditioning units that will go unused during the winter.



Inspect The Insulation

To ensure efficiency, inspect your building's insulation for holes or compromised areas that could cause heat loss. Pay special attention to roofs, weather stripping, and unheated areas like attics.



Prepare Your Plumbing

Ensure all existing freeze-protection devices and alarms are functioning. Wrap pipes and faucets in unheated or minimally heated areas of the building and seal cracks and openings around exposed pipes.



Inspect/Winterize Landscaping

Winterize your landscaping, including trimming trees and shrubs to reduce exterior damage. Ensure that vegetation and grass are properly graded to avoid water and ice sitting against your property's foundation.



Have A Disaster Plan In Place

Make a plan for various disasters, including fire, flooding, and gas leaks.