



# Home Winterization CHECKLIST

## BE PREPARED

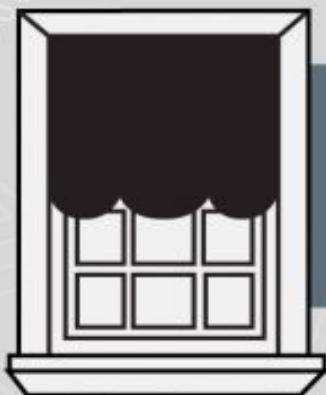
- Buy a snow shovel now so you'll have it before winter weather hits.
- Keep extra water and canned food in storage just in case.

## GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS

- Clean gutters and downspouts in mid-fall and double-check them before winter.
- Install leaf guards to keep falling leaves and other debris out of cleared gutters.

## DOORS & WINDOWS

- Examine doors and windows for gaps where warm air can escape.
- Caulk or apply weatherstripping around problem draft areas.
- Install double-paned windows to increase energy efficiency.



## HEATING SYSTEM

- Replace the filter in your furnace.
- Give your heating system a test run so you know it will work properly when you need it.
- Hire a heating/cooling expert to check your furnace's efficiency.



## ROOFING, CHIMNEYS & DECKS

- Have a contractor look for damaged roof shingles and loose gutters.
- Make sure chimneys and woodstoves are cleaned early in the season.
- Give your deck a fresh coat of sealer to protect it from the winter elements.

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## How to Prepare Before a Winter Storm