

## On the Outside

### HOME EXTERIOR

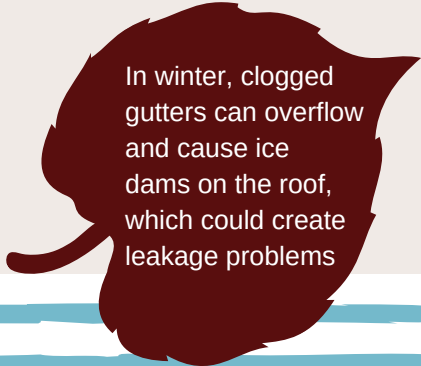
- Touch up paint on trim/decks/railings
- Wash exterior windows
- Check windows and doors for leaks
  - Recaulk if necessary
- Check roof for signs of damage/leaks
- Clean gutters
- Position downspouts to direct water away from your foundation, sidewalks and driveways to avoid slipping hazards

### FUN & GAMES

- Gather up and store kids' summer toys & sports equipment
- Clean and inspect winter equipment such as sleds and toboggans

### LAWN & GARDEN

- Drain hoses & disconnect from the hydrant
- Gather lawn sprinklers & garden tools and secure them for winter
- Stock up on ice melt before the first snow of the season
- Wash and winterize outdoor furniture
  - Store in a protected place

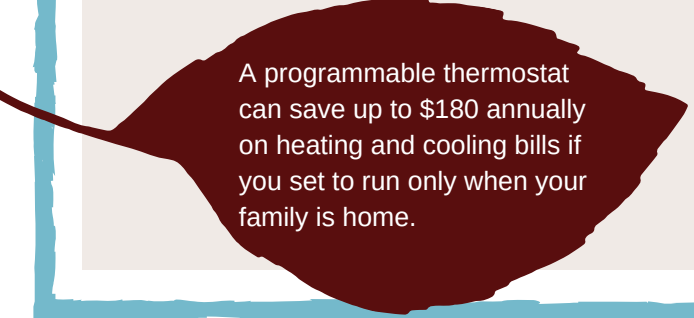


In winter, clogged gutters can overflow and cause ice dams on the roof, which could create leakage problems

## On the Inside

### SAFETY CHECK

- Ensure your fire, smoke & carbon monoxide detectors are working
  - Replace batteries if they have not been changed within 6 months
- Review family's emergency evacuation plan
- Ensure extinguishers are charged
- Test ground fault electrical outlets



A programmable thermostat can save up to \$180 annually on heating and cooling bills if you set to run only when your family is home.

### PREPARE FOR THE COLD

- Change filters & have heating system serviced
- Install programmable thermostat
- Drain water heaters to remove sediment (this is especially important if you have hard water)
- Check basement for cracks in the foundation
  - Have any damage fixed before winter hits full force

### FALL CLEANUP

- Wash interior windows
- Schedule professional carpet cleaning while you can still open windows to speed drying
- Have a chimney sweep inspect & clean your fireplace

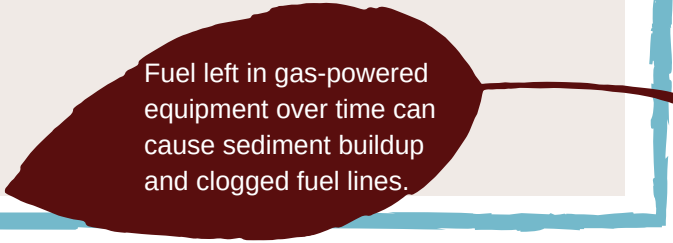
## In the Garage

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Keep gasoline in a small can for snow blower or generator
- Create a car kit for winter emergencies
  - small shovel
  - ice scraper
  - flares
  - flashlight
  - energy or chocolate bars
  - sand or cat litter
  - heavy blanket/warm clothes
  - extra cell phone charger

### OFF-SEASON CARE

- Empty fuel from lawnmower & other equipment
- Store chemicals away from the reach of children



Fuel left in gas-powered equipment over time can cause sediment buildup and clogged fuel lines.