



Winterizing Your Home - Checklist

1. Protect Your Plumbing

- Drain and disconnect outdoor hoses.
- Shut off and drain exterior faucets.
- Insulate exposed pipes in unheated areas.
- Let faucets drip slightly in extreme cold to prevent freezing.

2. Seal Heat Leaks

- Caulk and seal around windows, doors, and siding.
- Install or replace weather stripping.
- Close fireplace dampers when not in use.
- Add door sweeps to block drafts.

3. Maintain Heating Systems

- Have your furnace or boiler inspected annually.
- Replace or clean air filters regularly.
- Test or upgrade your thermostat.
- Bleed radiators if you have a hot-water system.



4. Check Insulation & Ventilation

- Inspect attic insulation (10-14 inches recommended).
- Seal gaps around attic hatches and vents.
- Ensure attic vents are open and clear.

5. Prevent Ice Dams & Roof Damage

- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Inspect shingles and flashing for damage.
- Install gutter guards or heat cables if needed.

6. Safety Checks

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Inspect chimney and fireplace.
- Stock up on ice melt, salt, or sand.
- Check your generator and store extra fuel safely.

7. Exterior & Yard Prep

- Store or cover outdoor furniture and grills.
- Trim branches near your house or power lines.
- Check exterior lighting for safety.