

Fall and Winter Home Maintenance



General Maintenance:

- When below 5°C outside, turn on HRV minimum mode and set to recommended relative humidity levels (30-40%).
- Regularly clean HRV filters.
- Do not block cold air return vents.
- Keep all exterior hoods free of debris, snow and ice. Clean all lint traps regularly.
- A sump pump discharge line must be disconnected every winter or connected to a larger hose which will not freeze.
- Help prevent exterior concrete cracks and deterioration by avoiding application of ice melting salt.

Minimizing Ice Build up:

- Wipe clean condensation from windows.
- Increase air circulation in your home by turning your furnace to the ON position, these fans can run 24 hours a day.
- Avoid closing drapes and blinds fully which trap moisture at the window, leave open space at the bottom to allow air flow to reduce condensation.
- Remove window screens every winter to avoid trapping moisture at the window.
- It is common for frost to build up on exterior doors in cold temperatures, regular maintenance of entry door handles and deadbolts are required by the homeowner.