

Winterizing Checklist - Exterior

Inspect The Roof:

- Check for damaged or missing shingles
- Consider adding ice dam prevention measures if necessary.

Gutters & Downspouts:

- Clean gutters of debris to prevent ice dams.
- Consider installing gutter guards.

Windows & Doors:

- Inspect for drafts and seal any gaps with weatherstripping or caulk.
- Consider adding storm windows or installing plastic film over windows.
- Check and repair or replace damaged seals and weatherstripping.

Siding & Exterior Walls:

- Inspect for cracks or gaps and seal them with caulk or insulation.
- Consider adding extra insulation if needed.

Foundation:

- Inspect for cracks or openings and seal them to prevent drafts.

Chimney & Fireplace:

- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned by a professional.
- Install a chimney cap to prevent pests and debris from entering.

Outdoor Faucets & Hoses:

- Disconnect hoses and drain outdoor faucets to prevent freezing.
- Consider installing frost-free hose bibs.

Snow Removal Equipment:

- Ensure you have shovels, ice melt, and a working snow blower if needed.

Winterizing Checklist - Interior

Heating System:

- Schedule a professional HVAC inspection and tune-up.
- Replace or clean furnace filters.

Fireplace and Wood-Burning Stoves:

- Clean and inspect chimneys and flues.
- Stock up on firewood if you use it for heating.

Insulation:

- Check and add insulation in the attic, walls, and basement if needed.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

- Test and replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Ensure they are working properly.

Plumbing:

- Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing.
- Consider insulating your water heater.

Doors & Windows:

- Install draft stoppers or door sweeps.
- Use heavy curtains or thermal blinds to retain heat.

Caulk and Weatherstripping:

- Check for drafts around windows and doors and seal any gaps.
- Inspect electrical outlets and switch plates for drafts.

Thermostat Settings:

- Adjust your thermostat settings for energy efficiency when you're home and away.
- Consider upgrading to a programmable thermostat for energy savings.

Emergency Preparation:

- Assemble an emergency kit with essential supplies.
- Create a list of emergency numbers, including utility companies, plumbers, and contractors.