

WINTER HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Rain & Water Intrusions

- Monitor gutters and downspouts during periods of heavy rain.
- Check crawl spaces, basements, and garages for water intrusion.
- Look for ceiling or wall staining after storms.
- Inspect windows for condensation and leaks.
- Keep drainage channels and storm drains clear of debris.
- Address persistent standing water near the home.

Roof & Exterior

- Inspect the roof from the ground after major windstorms.
- Remove fallen branches and storm debris when safe.
- Check siding and trim for wind damage.
- Monitor trees for broken or unstable limbs.
- Keep moss and slippery organic growth under control on stairs and walkways.

Indoor Moisture

- Run bath fans during and after showers.
- Use kitchen ventilation when cooking.
- Avoid blocking exterior walls and vents with tightly packed furnishings.
- Check attics and crawl spaces for condensation.
- Monitor areas around skylights and roof penetrations.
- Use dehumidification where recurring moisture warrants it.

Cold Weather

- Protect vulnerable plumbing during freezing periods.
- Disconnect hoses and cover vulnerable hose bibs.
- Keep heating systems operating during cold snaps.
- Inspect pipes after freezing weather for small leaks.
- Clear snow and ice from steps and walkways when needed.

