Winter Home Prep



- [ ] Snow blower - be sure to test it before the snow season really hits to make sure it's working properly.
- [ ] Ceiling fan direction - Did you know... the direction your fan spins should change with the season? Switch the spin to clockwise at slow speed to circulate warm air downward.
- [ ] Test your Furnace and Thermostat before cold weather really gets rough. Also, investing in thermostats with programs are a helpful way to regulate temperature when people aren't home.
- [ ] Cover or remove window-set Air Conditioning units to prevent drafts.
- [ ] Do you have Storm Doors in your home? Replace them with glass panels.
- [ ] This is rodent season! So be sure to seal any cracks or holes on the outside of your home to prevent unexpected furry guests.
- [ ] Turn off water flow for faucets and hose outside your home to prevent them from freezing and pipes bursting.
- [ ] If you have a pool, clean out any debris and drain the majority of water (but not all!).
- [ ] Block drafts around doors and windows with weather stripping, window film and/or caulk.
- [ ] If you have chimneys, get them cleaned by a sweeper who has experience. This decreases the risk of fire.
- [ ] Be cautious with the prospect of door locks freezing over. To prevent this, spray the outside of the door lock with powdered-graphite libricant.
- [ ] Lower the temperature of your water heater to reduce damage on the pipes. While many houses are set at 140 degrees F, many only need 120 degrees for comfort.

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