



Winter Maintenance

Fluffy snowflakes and sparkling icicles may make your home look like a winter wonderland but they can also cause a variety of issues. It is important to protect and maintain your home for the colder winter weather. Below is a helpful checklist you can follow to ensure that your home is being maintained in the best possible way.

DECEMBER

- ▲ Avoid using salt on new concrete steps as it can be damaging. Try to use sand instead.
- ▲ Check and reset your GFCI outlets.
- ▲ Clean/change your furnace and ERV filters.
- ▲ If you have ceiling fans, change the direction of your fans. This will force the warm air downwards.

JANUARY

- ▲ Ensure that vent pipes for your furnace, hot water heater and ERV are free of snow.
- ▲ Power outages are common during winter storms. Make sure your home has a well-stocked survival kit.
- ▲ Open your blinds and curtains during the day to allow air to flow which will eliminate moisture.
- ▲ If you are leaving your home for an extended amount of time, turn your heat down to 10-15C. Don't turn your heat off as this can cause your pipes to freeze. Have a friend or family member check your home periodically.

FEBRUARY

- ▲ Turn off the valves to the exterior hose bibs. Run the water until the pipes are empty to prevent any pipes from bursting.
- ▲ Keep blinds open to prevent condensation on your windows.
- ▲ Clean the snow out of your window wells regularly or cover them with a clear window well cover.
- ▲ When clearing your front porch and garage apron, don't use any salting products for the first 12 months to minimize future wear on your concrete.



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