

# WINTER

## Home Maintenance List

### Weekly Winter Tasks

- Check for drafts: Inspect windows and doors for drafts using a candle or incense stick to detect airflow
- Clean High-Traffic Floors: Sweep or vacuum to remove dirt, salt and snow tracked inside
- Monitor Roof Snow Buildup: If snow accumulations occurs, use a roof rake to prevent ice dams
- Inspect Outdoor Walkways: Clean snow and ice and apply salt or sand to prevent slippery surfaces
- Replace HVAC Filters: Clean or replace filters to keep your heating system running efficiently
- Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors: Test batteries during heavy furnace usage
- Wipe Down Door Frames and Windowsills: Moisture from condensation can build up

### Monthly Winter Tasks

- Inspect Pipes for Freezing or Damage: Check exposed pipes in unheated spaces for signs of freezing
- Clean and Organize Entryway: Tidy up coats, shoes, and wet gear to maintain a welcoming space
- Check Insulation in Attics and Basements: Look for gaps or areas needing reinforcement
- Replenish Emergency Supplies: Restock flashlights, batteries, candles, and firewood in case of storms
- Inspect Furnace and Heating Systems: Review performance and clean vents to prevent blockages
- Clear Gutters and Downspouts: Check for clogs caused by ice or debris to ensure proper drainage
- Clean Dryer Vents: Remove lint and debris to prevent fires and improve efficiency

### Seasonal Winter Tasks

- Inspect and Seal Windows and Doors: Apply caulk or window film to improve insulation
- Service Chimneys and Fireplaces: Schedule a professional cleaning to remove creosote buildup
- Store Outdoor Furniture: Cover or store patio furniture and decor to protect them from winter damage
- Inspect Outdoor Walkways: Clean snow and ice and apply salt or sand to prevent slippery surfaces
- Check Roof for Damage: Inspect shingles for cracks or wear before snowstorms to prevent leaks
- Prepare Outdoor Faucets and Sprinklers: Drain lines and insulate outdoor faucets to prevent freezing
- Prepare for Winter Storms: Assemble a winter emergency kit with blankets, water, and non-perishables