



WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

A 20-POINT CHECKLIST

Colorado's cold and snowy winters will put any home to the test. Here's our comprehensive checklist to help you prevent common problems, both inside and out. With a little bit of work, you will enjoy a safe and cozy home all winter long.

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- ☐ Clear gutters and downspouts then double-check them after the leaves are done falling.
- ☐ Hire a roofing pro to inspect for loose/missing shingles or flashing and fix any damage.
- ☐ Have a lawn care expert blow out sprinkler lines and shut off the system for the season.
- ☐ Disconnect all hoses from your outside faucets and attach an insulated hose bib cover.
- ☐ Close crawl space and other exterior vents that were opened for the summer.
- ☐ Trim weak or dead tree branches that could break and fall on your roof, car or fence.
- ☐ Cover up or store outdoor furniture, grills and hoses in your garage, basement or shed.
- ☐ Apply a fresh coat of sealer to a deck to prevent damage from snow build-up and rain.
- ☐ To prevent fires and any hazards, have your chimney cleaned, inspected and repaired.
- ☐ Buy a snow shovel, salt or sand and other winter supplies well before the snow arrives.

INSIDE YOUR HOME

- ☐ Have an HVAC professional service the furnace, checking the blower, motor, piping, etc.
- ☐ Replace your furnace filter and continue doing so every 4-6 weeks throughout the winter.
- ☐ Seal drafts (with caulk/weatherstripping) around doors, windows, lights and switchplates.
- ☐ Clean out your window tracks, removing dirt or debris that may prevent proper sealing.
- ☐ Test the fireplace flue, confirming it operates properly and forms a tight, closed seal.
- ☐ Insulate your water heater along with exposed pipes in areas like a crawlspace or attic.
- ☐ Check all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace the batteries if needed.
- ☐ Move furniture and other items away from heating vents to ensure efficient airflow.
- ☐ Set ceiling fans to turn clockwise, pushing hot air from the ceiling down to the floor.
- ☐ Install a smart or programmable thermostat to control temps when you're not at home.

