

# Winter Home Maintenance Checklist



Winter weather can be tough on any residential home. How can you stay cozy, relax during the holidays, and enjoy hot chocolate instead of home maintenance headaches?

## Be proactive before the winter weather hits!

Here's a handy checklist to get you started.

### Indoors

### Outdoors

#### Safety First

- Clean exhaust fans and filters to rid them of dust and debris that could pose a fire hazard
- Get your wood burning or gas fireplace and chimney inspected
- Check batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

- Prune trees with branches susceptible to breaking during a winter storm
- Inspect your roof and gutters to mitigate any issues from accumulating ice
- Keep walkways ice-free by always having salt and a shovel handy

#### Stay Healthy

- Mold loves moisture, so fix any interior leaks
- Let some fresh air in to reduce the build up of toxins, like bacteria or dust

- Check vents between the indoors and the outside to ensure they are debris free
- If you let your car heat up in your garage, make sure the door between the garage and your home seals completely

### Indoors or out, you can prevent your pipes from freezing in the winter

- Insulate pipes by windows and doors, including those in the unheated parts of your home
- Disconnect your garden hose and winterize outside faucets using a hose bib cover
- If you have water supply lines in your garage, keep the garage door closed
- If you're headed out of town, leave the heat on in your home at a temperature no lower than 55°