

Prepare Your Home for Winter

Furnace

- ☐ Make sure thermostat works properly. Replace an old thermostat with a new programmable version.
- ☐ Change furnace filters
- ☐ Have HVAC serviced by a professional

Fireplaces

- ☐ Inspect the chimney for obstructions such as birds' nests

Gutters/Roof

- ☐ Clean out roof/gutters from debris and leaves
- ☐ Clear downspouts

Weatherproof the Exterior

- ☐ Rake away leaves and vegetation from foundation
- ☐ Caulk gaps/holes in your exterior house wall
- ☐ Clear off window wells
- ☐ Drain garden hoses
- ☐ Cover central air units with a heavy, protective material such as a tarp to protect from snow and ice
- ☐ Trim tree branches hanging over home

Exterior Windows and Doors

- ☐ Replace/install weatherstripping around doors/windows
- ☐ Take down screens and replace with storm windows/doors

Interior Maintenance

- ☐ Open/clean registers/air returns
- ☐ Reverse ceiling fans (when fan blades rotate clockwise, they push the warm air down)
- ☐ Check smoke/carbon monoxide detectors

