

Winter Safety Tips

Treat Your Home Right This Season

Bitter cold days and freezing nights can be hard on your house. But, if you take the proper precautions you can keep your home a winter wonderland throughout the entire season. Below are some tips to keep you and your house warm and safe.

- ❄️ **Replace your furnace filters.** Clean furnace filters will improve air flow and efficiency and lower your utility costs.
- ❄️ **Inspect your fireplace.** Have the fireplace chimney and flue inspected each year by a professional and cleaned if needed.
- ❄️ **Place a mat or rug and boot trays next to entries.** This will help keep hardwood floors and carpets from becoming damaged from the winter weather.
- ❄️ **Open your interior doors.** Warm air will be able to flow freely throughout the house and will save on heating costs.
- ❄️ **Seal any windows that you suspect allow cold air into the house with caulking or plastic.** This will save money on energy bills and increase comfort.
- ❄️ **Use only devices that are designed for heating indoors as an emergency heat source and follow all safety precautions.** Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything flammable, including clothing, curtains, and bedding. Also, keep children and pets away from space heaters.
- ❄️ **Check the condition of walks, steps and driveways.** Small holes and cracks should be repaired to prevent water from penetrating, freezing and creating larger problems.



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