

KEEP YOUR HOME IN PEAK CONDITION ALL SEASON LONG

The leaves are gone, and the ground is mostly covered, it is official, winter is here. It's time to ensure your home is tuned up and ready. Below is a simple checklist to take care of most of those home maintenance items to keep your home in tip top shape.

WINTER CHECKLIST

- Check sump pump operation.
- Change furnace filter
- Clean Ventilation (HRV) filters
- Monitor your homes indoor humidity and take corrective action if required
- Clean humidifier, cleaning as often as needed during the winter season
- Test fire and smoke detectors, and change back-up batteries
- Keep snow away from gas meters, gas appliance vents, exhaust vents, and basement windows
- Monitor outdoor vents, gas meters, and chimneys for ice and snow build-up
- Review your roof often for ice dams and to ensure your attic vents are not obstructed

■ ADDITIONAL BEST PRACTICES

- Run water through plumbing fixtures that are not used regularly to ensure that there is water in the trap
- Check electrical cords, plugs, and outlets for all indoor and outdoor seasonal lights for fire safety
- Balance air flow at heating ducts
- Clean range hood filter
- Review granite countertops and tile backsplash, apply sealer to counters and grout
- Pour bucket of water into floor drains to avoid a dry trap

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