

WINTER MAINTENANCE: A HOMEOWNER'S CHECKLIST

The colder temps might make you want to relax and stay indoors, but there's plenty of home upkeep to keep you busy in the winter. Here are a few items that should be on any homeowner's radar.

KEEPING IN THE HEAT

Apply weather stripping to any cracks **around doors and windows**.



Close any **open crawl space vents** around your home's foundation.



FURNACE UPKEEP

Clean your furnace filters, or change them if they're due.

Have a professional inspect your furnace **every 1-2 years**.



MINDING YOUR ROOF

Replace any **cracked or missing roof tiles**, and make repairs if you see signs of roof decay.



Check your roof for **ice dams** throughout the season—extra attic insulation can help prevent them from forming.



AVOIDING PIPE PROBLEMS

Make sure your pipes are well insulated to **prevent them from freezing**.

On the coldest nights, let the **sink faucets run at a slight drip** to keep water moving.



PRE-SPRING TO-DOS

Toward the end of winter, have your A/C **cleaned and inspected** by a professional.



Clear leaves and debris from your gutters to **prevent flooding** during spring rains and snowmelts.