

DECEMBER HOME MAINTENANCE

Checklist

Winter Exterior Preparations

- ☐ Clear gutters and downspouts
- ☐ Inspect and clean chimneys
- ☐ Seal gaps around windows and doors
- ☐ Insulate exterior pipes
- ☐ Service outdoor lighting
- ☐ Clear pathways and driveways
- ☐ Secure loose outdoor items

Holiday Lighting Safety

- ☐ Inspect and test holiday lights
- ☐ Use outdoor-rated extension cords
- ☐ Secure lights properly
- ☐ Keep decorations away from heat sources
- ☐ Turn off lights when not at home
- ☐ Keep the tree well-hydrated

Heating System Care

- ☐ Change furnace filters
- ☐ Schedule professional heating check
- ☐ Test and calibrate thermostat
- ☐ Check for carbon monoxide leaks
- ☐ Insulate exposed heating ducts
- ☐ Verify proper insulation in the attic
- ☐ Seal drafts around doors and windows

Safety and Security Check

- ☐ Test smoke detectors
- ☐ Check carbon monoxide detectors
- ☐ Inspect fire extinguishers
- ☐ Review and update emergency plans
- ☐ Update emergency supplies
- ☐ Assess home security system
- ☐ Ensure exterior lighting is functional

Plumbing Winterization

- ☐ Insulate exposed pipes
- ☐ Drain outdoor hoses
- ☐ Check water heater
- ☐ Test sump pump
- ☐ Clear clogged drains
- ☐ Inspect toilet components
- ☐ Address any leaks promptly

Indoor Comfort and Efficiency

- ☐ Check and replace furnace filters
- ☐ Test heating system
- ☐ Deep clean carpets and rugs
- ☐ Declutter and organize living spaces
- ☐ Service and clean appliances
- ☐ Evaluate home office setup
- ☐ Adjust thermostat settings for efficiency



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