

Your Guide To WINTER MAINTENANCE

Follow these home maintenance tips from American Modern® to keep your home safe, and its value on the rise.

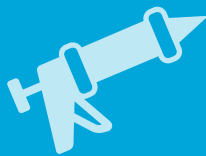
Have a licensed heating contractor inspect hot water heat system radiators and convectors. This will help you catch any big issues so that you're not left without hot water or heat. It also lets you catch repairs rather than having to purchase a whole new system.



Drain water heater and check pressure valve. The DIY Network provides precise directions on completing this task, if you're up for the job! Otherwise, a professional plumber can be hired.



Check fire extinguishers (you should have at least one in the home and one in the garage) once a year to ensure they're in proper working order and not expired. This is simple to do: verify the locking pin is intact and the tamper seal is unbroken. Examine the extinguisher for obvious physical damage, corrosion, leakage, or clogged nozzle. Confirm the pressure gauge is in the operable range or position, and lift the extinguisher to ensure it is still full.



Re-caulk showers, tubs and sinks to prevent water damage to walls. This is a no brainer, just make sure to stagger each bathroom to account for drying time.



Wax marble counter tops with turtle wax. While marble is strong, it can still scratch and chip, so wax on, wax off!

Check your clothes dryer vent and hose for lint buildup. If necessary, clean these out to prevent any fires.



Schedule a chimney cleaning, before the wood burning season begins.

