



# Your get-ready-for-winter guide

Give your home the attention it deserves with these winter maintenance tips. Annual to-dos that do a lot to keep your home safe and sound.

**Stop shivering.** Have your radiators and hot water heater inspected. Catching potential repairs early is cool. Waiting 'til it breaks down is cold.



**Give it a good flush.** Drain your water heater and check the pressure valve. If you're not sure how, ask a pro.



**Clean the air.** Your dryer vent can collect a sweater's worth of lint. Clean it out to prevent a possible fire.



**Wax on, wax off.** Buff marble countertops with a protective wax or polish. Marble may be strong, but it can still scratch and chip.



**Caulk talk.** Re-caulk showers, tubs and sinks to prevent water damage to walls.



**Speaking of fires.** Schedule a chimney cleaner before the wood-burning season begins.



**The once-a-year once-over**  
Check your extinguishers:

- Locking pin intact
- Nozzle not clogged
- Tamper seal broken
- Pressure gauge in range
- No corrosion
- Feels full when lifted

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