



TIPS TO

WINTERIZE YOUR HOME FOR EXTENDED PERIODS

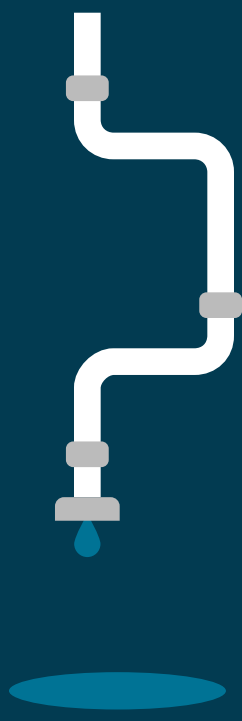
Make Your Home Look Occupied

- Forward your mail and stop newspaper delivery.
- Have someone remove snow from walkways, and collect items left at your door.
- Install motion-activated and timed lights.
- Avoid posting vacation or travel plans on social media.
- Activate your home alarm system.



Tend to Water Supply Concerns

- Ask a professional if it's safe to turn off the water.
- Drain your pipes, flush your toilet, then pour antifreeze rated for plumbing systems in toilet tanks.
- Have a plumber blow compressed air through the pipes.
- Shut off the water to washing machines, refrigerator ice makers and dishwashers, and drain them per the manufacturer's instructions.
- Turn off the heat source and water supply to hot water heaters.



Keep Your Home and Pipes Warm if You Leave the Water On

- Keep your furnace set at 55°F or higher.
- Open room and cabinet doors where pipes are located to help heat circulate.



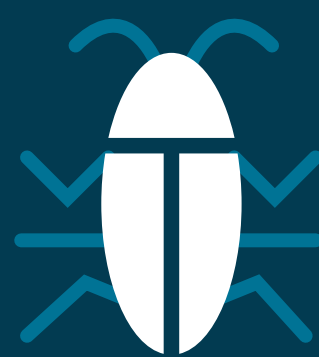
Perform Routine Maintenance Before You Leave

- Have your heating system inspected and your fuel tanks filled.
- Have your roof inspected and clean your gutters to help prevent ice from building up.
- Unplug all unnecessary appliances.



Make Your Home Unattractive to Pests

- Clean your home thoroughly.
- Clean, defrost and unplug refrigerators and freezers.
- Inspect your home for openings where animals could enter and seal them shut.
- Close your fireplace flue.
- Inspect weather-stripping, insulation and exterior doors and windows.



Be Ready for Emergencies

- Consider notifying police that the property will be vacant, and provide emergency numbers.
- Consider installing smart thermostats and smoke detectors to provide you with alarm notifications on your smartphone.
- Consider installing a smart home security system connected to your smartphone.
- In wind-exposed or coastal areas, install storm shutters to secure windows.
- Ask a friend, neighbor or relative to keep an eye on your home and be available in emergencies.



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