

Preparing your Home and Car for the Winter Season

- **Check your home's heating system**
 - Change the filters in your unit
 - Look into an annual maintenance agreement
- **Caulk and Seal any Cracks and Gaps on any exterior Windows or Doors**
 - Sealing these cracks will help save on your energy bill by not letting the cold air in
- **Check your Drainage and Gutter Systems**
 - Make sure the soil around your foundation has not settled creating areas for water to pool at your foundation
 - Make sure downspouts are draining to the location you want them too
 - Clean your homes gutters after all the leaves are off the trees
 - Clean gutters allow water to drain where it should
- **Check your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide**
 - Check the batteries in each machine and consider replacing them once a year
- **Shut down your pool and sprinkler systems and drain outside faucets completely**
 - Take all hoses off outside faucets and drain them completely
 - Consider buying faucet covers to put over outside spigots
- **Prepare for snow removal**
 - Take out the snow blower and make sure it is running properly
 - Check your snow shovel and salt situation as well
- **Storm Window and Door Check**
 - Check your window panes and storm windows for cracks and replace any that are damaged.
 - Install those storm windows (and doors) if they aren't installed year-round.

Things to put in your car for Winter

- Ice Scrapper and Snow Brush
- Gloves, Winter Clothing and Blanket
- First Aid Kit
- Extra Windshield Washer Fluid
- Flashlight
- Jumper Cables
- Cell Phone Charger
- Water and Non-Perishable Snacks