

Mobile Home Winterization Checklist

Following these helpful tips can help ensure that your manufactured home will weather the winter well and save you repair costs.

1. **Get your furnace inspected.** Contact a heating/HVAC professional to inspect your furnace today. A yearly inspection can save your life.
2. Stock up on furnace filters and change them often during the course of heating season.
3. Consider changing your thermostat to a programmable energy-saving type.
4. **Make sure skirting around the base of your home is secure.** Insulation can be added behind the skirting for extra protection against cold and wind. Seal up all entry points to discourage small animals from entering under the home and damaging the underbelly or ductwork.
5. **Repair any broken glass on Windows.** Install storm windows if you have the type that requires storms. Upgrade the single pane style glass windows with vinyl Thermo-pane type to stop drafts and save energy.
6. Install insulation or weather stripping around doors and windows to prevent cold air from entering and heat from escaping.
7. Caulk around windows and doors on the exterior of your home.
8. **Clean out gutters to keep water flowing.** This will help prevent ice flow backup which can cause roof damage and interior ceiling damage.
9. **Check that your pipes are covered with properly functioning heat tape.** These products typically last 5 years with average use.
10. Consider installing leaf guards on gutters and installing downspout extensions to direct water away from the home.
11. **Inspect roof and repair any problem areas.** Replace damaged or missing shingles and tar around all stacks and vents on roof.
12. If you have metal roofing, repair seams and edges and around stacks and vents then use premium grade metal roof coating to coat entire roof.
13. **Inspect underbelly and insulation under your home.** Make sure there are no open areas where the wind and cold can get to your plumbing lines.
14. Repair any water leaks under the home and make sure all exposed waterlines from the main are heat taped.
15. Install carbon monoxide and smoke/fire detectors in your home and make sure to replace batteries as needed.
16. Never use kerosene burners and/or space heaters in your home as they may cause fire and suffocation threats.
17. Garden hoses should be removed from the exterior water faucets. Visually inspect faucets assuring they are installed in a downward slope to ensure water is not left to accumulate for freeze ups.
18. **Going on vacation?** When leaving on vacation make sure to keep the interior air temperature above the freezing point. Also let your faucets drip very slightly to ensure pipes do not freeze. Hundreds of dollars of damages can be avoided by following these two precautions.

Any questions call: _____