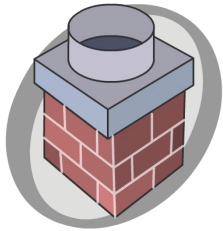




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Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Now that fall is in the air, it is a good to start thinking about winterizing your home. Steps that are taken right now can keep your house warm and moisture free, as well as save you some money. Here are 5 tips to help winterize your Seattle home:



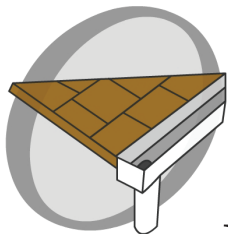
Service Chimney and Smoke Detectors.

Make sure the fireplace damper opens, but keep it closed when not in use. A fire damper that is left open or unsealed can raise energy consumption by as much as **30 percent**. **Check and test all of your smoke and carbon**



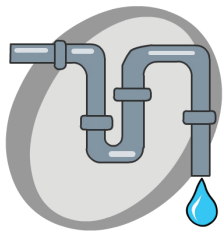
Check your Furnace

Its recommended that you have a furnace cleaned once a year, as well as changing the filter and checking to make sure all the ducts are connected and clean. Consider a programmable thermostat - it will help save money and give you heat when you need it, not to mention turning off when you forget.



Clean and Cover Gutters

Gutter are essential to keep moisture away from your foundation. Better to clean them during a dry day than in the middle of a down-pour.... while your basement is leaking. Cover them to keep the leaves out and clog free until spring.



Make Sure Pipes are Insulated

Pipe insulation can be a cheap and easy DIY project, assuming the pipes are easy to access. Insulate cold pipes to keep them from freezing and hot pipes to reduce heat loss. Remove outdoor hoses and drain before storing them in the garage and then insulate the spigot.



Consider New Windows

A significant amount of energy is lost through old windows. Consider having old windows replaced - look for rebates from energy companies and the federal government. Puget Sound Energy will rebate \$75.00 per window up to \$1000. If this is not an option, consider storm windows - there are programs to have these installed for you at reduced costs, depending on your household income.