

# WINTER PREP

## CHECKLIST

### PREPARING FOR WINTER NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE

While preparing for winter will look a little different based on your location, everyone benefits from inspecting their home and vehicle in advance of the changing season.

Below, is a general guide to help you prepare for winter, no matter where you live. Use our winter preparedness checklist as a jumping-off point.

#### PREP FOR WINTER STORMS.

- If snow, ice, strong wind or heavy rain is common in your area, have an emergency kit with first aid supplies, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, and a weather radio.
- Keep sidewalk salt and a snow shovel or snowblower ready.
- Keep warm clothing on hand in case of a power outage.

#### SEAL WINDOWS & DOORS.

- Remove window screens and replace with storm doors.
- Add weather stripping to doors and windows.
- Consider replacing chipped or cracked windows. Contact your local [Glass Doctor®](#) to learn more about your options.

#### STAY WARM AND COMFY!

- Have your furnace or heater inspected by a reputable HVAC service professional like our friends at [Aire Serv®](#).
- Have dry wood on hand for your fireplace, and have the chimney inspected and swept.
- Find your portable humidifier and make sure it's clean. If you don't own a humidifier, consider having [Aire Serv install a whole-home humidifier](#).
- If you use space heaters, review the safety features and directions. For more details on the safe use of space heaters, check out this [space heater safety checklist](#).
- Reverse your ceiling fan's direction to push rising warm air, down for the winter months.

#### START OUTSIDE.

- Are there plants that should be covered for winter? Have branches been trimmed? A low-hanging branch can pierce a roof or rattle a window in inclement weather.
- Store, wrap and secure lawn furniture.
- Disconnect, drain and store garden hoses. Ensure exterior faucets are off and exterior pipes have time to drain.
- Clean gutters and downspouts to prevent ice dams.
- Inspect window closures, doorjambes and roof for damage.

Even the best-prepared individuals and homes can fall victim to winter weather. Whether you find yourself with water damage from a frozen pipe or smoke damage from a fireplace mishap, we make disasters disappear. Choose Rainbow International for all your winter disaster restoration and remediation needs. Call (855) 724-6269 24/7 or request an [appointment online](#) to get started.

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