

Winter Proofing Your Home

- Clean out your gutters! Remove leaves, sticks and other debris from gutters, so melting snow can flow freely. This can also help prevent water from building up behind blocks of ice.
- Seal cracks in outside walls and foundations. Ensure windows, doors and roof openings (i.e. skylight) have proper weather stripping. Also, make sure that your roof is in good condition before the snow arrives.
- Turn off the outside water supply. Find the indoor water shutoff for all outside lines and turn them off. You should also empty out any hoses and store them indoors.
- Trim trees on your property. Ice, snow and wind could cause branches to break and damage your home or car, as well as injure someone walking on your property.
- Insulate water pipes. Starting at your hot water heater, look for un-insulated hot water pipes running along the walls or ceilings.
- Keep snow away from foundation walls. Ensure that heavy snow does not build up on the roof! If so, have it safely or professionally removed.