

Winter Maintenance Tips

As the chill of winter approaches you can take a few key steps to ensure your home is ready for the new season. Please take time to inspect these items in and around your home and attend to any that need maintenance.

Exterior

- Flush drain lines with garden hose to clean out debris
- Remove debris from downspouts and splash blocks with a garden hose and confirm that water drains away from the house
- Adjust sprinkler timer for season.
- Maintain drainage swales for positive drainage of surface water away from house, in from fence and out to the street
- Caulk and paint exterior painted surfaces as needed
- Touch up caulking around doors and windows as necessary.
- Inspect weather stripping on doors and repair or replace as necessary
- Check operation and tighten bolts on roll-up garage doors monthly

Interior

- Change return air filters monthly
- Inspect plumbing fixtures for leaks and repair immediately
- Inspect all tile surfaces, re-grout or re-caulk as needed
- Test smoke detectors and replace batteries annually
- Test and reset Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (G.F.C.I.) breakers monthly
- Decorate safely for the holidays, do not overload circuits or use worn extension cords

Tending to these simple tasks will help keep your home warm and comfy during the winter season. Warm wishes to you and yours.

