



WINTER HOME PREP CHECKLIST

Get your home ready before the temperatures drop.

Calgary winters can be hard on your home's plumbing and heating systems. A little preparation before the cold arrives can help you catch small issues before they become bigger problems.

Use this checklist to get your home winter-ready.

OUTDOOR WATER

- ☐ Disconnect garden hoses
Remove hoses from outdoor faucets and store them for the season.
- ☐ Shut off outdoor water lines
If your home has interior shut-off valves for outdoor faucets, close them before freezing temperatures arrive.
- ☐ Drain outdoor faucets
After shutting off the supply inside, make sure the outdoor line is properly drained by leaving the faucet open.
- ☐ Check outdoor faucets for leaks
Look for dripping, leaking, or damaged faucets before winter sets in.

PROTECT YOUR PIPES

- ☐ Check exposed pipes
Look for plumbing located in garages, crawl spaces, basements, or other areas that may be exposed to cold temperatures.
- ☐ Check pipe insulation
Make sure vulnerable pipes are properly insulated.
- ☐ Keep cold areas warm
During extreme cold, make sure warm air can reach areas where plumbing is located.



HOT WATER

- ☐ Check your hot water system
Look for leaks, unusual noises, or changes in hot water performance.
- ☐ Check around your water heater
Make sure the area around your water heater is clear and check for signs of leaking.
- ☐ Watch for changes in hot water
If you're suddenly running out of hot water faster than usual, it may be worth having the system checked.
- ☐ Have a tankless water heater?
Winter is a good time to schedule a professional service and flush to help keep your system running properly.

HEATING & HYDRONIC SYSTEMS

- ☐ Test your heating system before you need it
Turn your heating system on before the really cold weather arrives.
- ☐ Check your boiler
Look for leaks, unusual noises, or other changes in performance.
- ☐ Check your in-floor heating
If you have in-floor heating, make sure all areas are heating properly.
- ☐ Don't ignore unusual changes
Strange noises, leaks, inconsistent heating, or other changes can be signs that your system needs attention.

KNOW YOUR HOME'S SHUT-OFFS

- ☐ Locate your main water shut-off
- ☐ Make sure it is accessible
- ☐ Make sure household members know where it is
- ☐ Know how to shut off the water quickly

READY FOR WINTER?

A few minutes of preparation now can help you head into winter with confidence.