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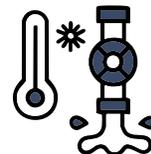
Protect Your Home from Winter Weather

Winter storms bring more than just cold; they can cause severe damage to your roof, plumbing, and interior spaces. Even in areas where freezing temperatures are rare, sudden cold snaps or heavy storms can catch homeowners off guard.

What You Should Know



Snow & ice hazards: Heavy buildup can snap tree limbs, damage roofs, and create ice dams that lead to water leaks inside your home.



Freezing temperatures: Pipes (indoors and outdoors) can burst when exposed to extreme cold, especially in homes not built for freezing weather.



Unexpected cold in mild climates: Regions that don't consistently freeze may still face occasional winter storms. Homes in these areas often lack insulation or pipe protection, making them more susceptible to damage when temperatures drop suddenly.



5 Ways to Protect Your Home

Trim trees & clear gutters: Remove weak branches and keep gutters free of debris to help prevent ice dams and falling limbs.

Improve insulation & ventilation: Keep attic air moving with proper insulation and vents. This reduces the freeze/thaw cycle, lowers energy bills and helps prevent ice dams.

Safeguard your pipes: Disconnect garden hoses, winterize irrigation systems and let faucets drip slightly during freezing nights. Open cabinet doors under sinks to allow warm air to circulate.

Check your roof and shingles: Inspect for loose or damaged shingles before winter storms arrive. A well-maintained roof is less likely to leak or collapse under heavy snow.

Seal doors and windows: Apply weatherstripping or caulk to gaps. This keeps warm air inside, prevents drafts and reduces the risk of moisture intrusion during storms.

Your homeowners or renters policy may cover common winter damage. Review your coverage before the first storm to ensure you're protected against seasonal risks.

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