

This next week will be warm and is a good time to prepare for the upcoming winter weather. As a homeowner you can arrange to have these things done and as a renter you can ask your landlord to arrange this list where appropriate. Here are a few tips for Winterizing:



Battery Life	Check all carbon monoxide & fire alarms operation monthly
Battery Life	Start your car every day to make sure the battery is functioning.
Flooding	If your basement floods, turn off gas at the outside meter / propane cylinder.
Flooding	When water recedes, do not turn your gas on yourself. Call your gas / propane provider to restore service.
Flooding	Do not touch electric panel when standing in flooded basement.
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Generator Safety	If using a gasoline-powered generator: have gas available before bad weather arrives. Never operate it indoors, even in an open garage. Only run it outside to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
Heating Safety	Locate your heater vent to the outside and make sure that it is free of snow and other debris preventing the air from flowing to the outside
Plan	Make sure that you have charged up your devices in case the power goes out
Plan	Make sure that you have an evacuation plan in case you need to quickly leave your house
Plan	Make sure that you have lanterns and candles available in case the power goes out
Plan	Make sure that relatives are aware of your plan
Plan	Have a supply of non-perishable food on hand in case bad weather keeps you from grocery shopping.
Plan	Bring your snow shovel in the house so you can shovel your way out of the house.
Plan	Bring your car snow brush in so that you don't have to clean the car to get it.
Plumbing	Locate your Main Water valve in the house in case you need to turn it off.
Plumbing	In freezing temps below 32 degrees, allow the faucets in the highest floor of you house to drip a little water, allowing the water to move through the system
Plumbing	Fill the bathtub with water in case the power goes out so that you can flush the toilets
Plumbing	Install auto shut off valves on your hot water heater. The new ones can alert you on your phone and close automatically.
Plumbing	Place regular shut off valves in lines through your house, so you isolate breaks. (Not just at the faucet or appliance).
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