

# 12 days of winter prep.

Cold coming in? Check off these 12 simple tips to keep your home warm, energy efficient and ready for whatever winter brings.



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|  | <b>Seal the seams</b><br>Check windows and doors for drafts, and seal gaps with weatherstripping.      |
|  | <b>Trim the vents</b><br>Clear furniture and rugs away from vents and radiators for better airflow.    |
|  | <b>Outfit the attic</b><br>Add or top off insulation to keep warmth from escaping through the roof.    |
|  | <b>Wrap the pipes</b><br>Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing and bursting.                      |
|  | <b>Check the HVAC twice</b><br>Schedule an HVAC tune-up before the cold really sets in.                |
|  | <b>Clear the filters</b><br>Replace air filters so your system runs efficiently all season.            |
|  | <b>Bundle the water heater</b><br>Lower the temp slightly and add an insulating blanket if it's older. |
|  | <b>Check the chimney</b><br>Have your fireplace and flue inspected before first use.                   |
|  | <b>Put the hose to bed</b><br>Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses to protect pipes from freezing.       |
|  | <b>Set the thermostat</b><br>Program a smart or manual thermostat to save energy while you sleep.      |
|  | <b>Weather the storm windows</b><br>Install storm windows or heavy curtains for extra insulation.      |
|  | <b>Flip the switch</b><br>Reverse ceiling fans clockwise to push warm air back down.                   |