

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

FOR MANUFACTURED HOMES

As temperatures drop, it's essential to prepare your manufactured home for the winter season. Proper maintenance helps prevent costly repairs, enhances energy efficiency, and keeps your home comfortable throughout the colder months. To make the transition easy, we've put together a comprehensive winter maintenance checklist. IMHA Supplier Members offer all the supplies you need to get the job done right.

1 Inspect and Seal Windows & Doors

Check for drafts around windows and doors to reduce heat loss. Apply weatherstripping or caulking to seal any gaps. Check insulation in attics.

2 Check and Clean your HVAC System

Get your heating system ready for heavier use. Keep all vents and registers clean and free of obstructions such as furniture, rugs, and curtains.

3 Inspect/Maintain your Roof

Look for signs of damage, such as missing shingles or leaks. Remove leaves, branches and other debris.

4 Prepare your Plumbing

Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing and bursting. Check for leaks and ensure your water heater and heat tape are functioning properly.

5 Check and Clean your Skirting

Inspect your home's skirting for cracks or gaps, and replace damaged sections as needed.

6 Clear Gutters and Downspouts

Clean your gutters and ensure downspouts direct water away from your home's foundation to prevent erosion and frost heave.

7 Test Smoke And CO Detectors

As you rely more on heating appliances, ensure all safety alarms are functioning properly. Replace batteries and test each detector for optimal performance.

8 Scan under Sinks and Heaters

A slow drip under a sink or around a water heater base is often the first sign of a failure. Look for staining, dampness, or musty odor.

9 Disconnect Hoses before Frosts

Water left in hoses and outdoor faucets can freeze and crack pipes. Disconnect, drain, and store hoses before the first hard frost.

10 Safely Use Auxiliary Heating Equipment

Only plug heaters and electric fireplaces directly into outlets. Never use extension cords. Plug only one heat-producing appliance into an outlet at a time.