

GET YOUR HOME WINTER-READY: ESSENTIAL PRE-WINTER TIPS FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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HVAC System Check-Up

Schedule a professional tune-up to ensure your heating system is running efficiently. Don't forget to replace the air filters to improve airflow and indoor air quality.



Seal Windows and Doors

Drafts from leaky windows and doors can increase heating costs. Check for gaps and use weather stripping or caulk to seal them, keeping warm air in and cold air out.



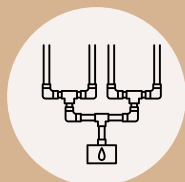
Clean the Gutters

Clear out leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts. With winter rains, this helps prevent water buildup and roof damage, directing water safely away from your home's foundation.



Roof Inspection

Inspect your roof for any damaged or missing shingles. Addressing these small issues now can prevent leaks and bigger issues during winter rains.



Insulate Exposed Pipes

Protect any exposed pipes in your garage, attic, or exterior walls. Use foam insulation to prevent pipes from freezing or cracking during particularly cold nights.



Fireplace and Chimney Care

If you have a fireplace, schedule a chimney cleaning to remove any buildup and ensure the flue is in working order. This not only improves heating efficiency but also prevents smoke and debris from entering your home.



Check Safety Devices

Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries as needed. With heaters and fireplaces running, it's essential to ensure your safety devices are fully operational.



Prepare an Emergency Kit

Prepare for power outages with an emergency kit containing flashlights, extra batteries, bottled water, and non-perishable foods.