



10 Steps to Winterizing Your Home

- ✓ **Have your home heating system checked out** as soon as possible. Clean and replace filters. Get your oil tanks filled up now and have your gas furnace looked at.
- ✓ **Insulate your home** including doors, windows, attic and crawl spaces.
- ✓ **Clean all gutter and leaders.** Clogged gutters and leaders lead to water damage to the house and flooding in the basements.
- ✓ **Bring your snow blower in for service now!** Do not wait until that 1st snowfall. Improper maintenance and operation of the snow blower can lead to serious injury.
- ✓ **Cover AC units** outside to prevent leaves and debris from accumulation inside of the unit.
- ✓ **Walk the outside of your home** and visually inspect for damages to shingles, roof, foundation, etc. Have these things repaired to keep water, moisture, snow, insects and mice from getting inside your home.
- ✓ **Caulk, insulate and repair damaged parts of doors** and windows before the temperature really drops.
- ✓ **Put away all outdoor furniture, umbrellas, etc.** to keep from being damaged and blown around with strong winter winds.
- ✓ **Trim trees** that might destroy your home or property.
- ✓ **Check outside lighting and outdoor fixtures.** Replace bulbs and lamp fixture that are old, blown out or in bad shape.