

Your Complete WINTER PREP Checklist

EXTERIOR (Do First - Weather Dependent)

- ☐ Clean gutters and downspouts
- ☐ Inspect roof for damage
- ☐ Check and repair weatherstripping on doors
- ☐ Caulk gaps around windows and door frames
- ☐ Drain and store garden hoses
- ☐ Shut off exterior water valves
- ☐ Cover or store outdoor furniture
- ☐ Protect plants and shrubs
- ☐ Clean and cover grill
- ☐ Cover AC unit
- ☐ Trim overhanging branches
- ☐ Store or cover pool equipment

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INTERIOR SYSTEMS (Critical - Schedule Early)

- ☐ Schedule professional furnace inspection
- ☐ Replace furnace filter
- ☐ Test thermostat functionality
- ☐ Reverse ceiling fans to clockwise
- ☐ Insulate exposed pipes
- ☐ Locate and test main water shut-off
- ☐ Set water heater to 120°F
- ☐ Test sump pump
- ☐ Check attic insulation and ventilation

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SAFETY (Non-Negotiable)

- ☐ Test smoke detectors
- ☐ Test carbon monoxide detectors
- ☐ Replace detector batteries
- ☐ Inspect fire extinguishers
- ☐ Have chimney professionally cleaned
- ☐ Create winter emergency kit
- ☐ Review family emergency plan

CLEANING (Time-Consuming But Worth It)

- ☐ Deep clean carpets and upholstery
- ☐ Clean fireplace and chimney
- ☐ Deep clean kitchen appliances
- ☐ Organize pantry for winter cooking
- ☐ Switch to winter bedding
- ☐ Clean bathroom grout and caulking
- ☐ Declutter basement/attic
- ☐ Clean air vents and returns
- ☐ Clean window tracks and sills

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STORAGE TRANSITION (Space-Intensive)

- ☐ Wash and store summer clothes
- ☐ Clean and store patio furniture
- ☐ Store garden tools and equipment
- ☐ Winterize lawn equipment
- ☐ Store summer sports equipment
- ☐ Put away pool accessories
- ☐ Store summer décor
- ☐ Organize winter gear for easy access
- ☐ Decide if additional storage needed