

January Home Maintenance Checklist



Exterior

- Examine & de-ice your gutters
- Check exterior conditions for proper drainage
- Check foundation for water accumulation/damage
- Remove leaves and debris from window wells
- Examine and clean all weep holes
- Keep some salt & a shovel handy to keep walkways clear
- Rake leaves and twigs to let the lawn breathe
- Don't tread all over frozen grass – roots can be damaged
- Disconnect hoses and drain out the water
- Cover exterior faucets with insulators
- Winter is a great month to plan your major outdoor projects like pools, spas and major garden overhauls

Interior

- Restock on firewood as necessary
- Reverse ceiling fans to force warm air downwards
- Check your sump pump for proper operation
- Clean range hood filters: wash fan blades and housing
- Check and replace furnace filters
- De-clutter your home: focus on pantries, desks, closets, office spaces, cupboards, drawers, garage, etc

Pros You May Need to Hire:

- Roof and Gutter Cleaners
- Housecleaners
- Carpet Cleaners
- Winterizing Specialists
- Tree Specialists
- Electricians
- Landscapers
- Plumbers
- Professional Organizers
- Closet Fitters
- Interior Designers
- Painters
- Pool Specialists

Winterize Your Interior

- Weatherstrip around doors and caulk around windows
- Check your attic's insulation, there should be at least 12 inches
- Check and replace humidifier filters
- Add extra blankets and slippers to your household to save energy costs

Landscaping

- Plant conifers, shrubs and deciduous trees (water deeply)
- Check drainage of major garden areas
- Plant bare-root roses and fruit trees