



Prepare your house for harsher weather  
with these quick tips!

**Replace your furnace filter.**

A dirty filter will shorten the lifespan of your HVAC unit, and raise your monthly energy bills. You should replace your furnace filter whenever it gets dirty, which can mean every few months or even once a month. At a minimum, you should change your filter twice a year--once before winter and once before summer.

**Protect your garden hose**

Any water left in your hose will freeze and expand, putting pressure on your hose and your plumbing. The simple solution is to unscrew your hose, completely drain

it, and store it in the garage for the winter. Ideally, you'll want to store it off the ground.

### **Keep garage doors closed**

Clear the snow away from your garage door so the door shuts all the way. If your garage door is open, all the cold air will come in and it's harder for your furnace to keep up.

### **Check your gutters**

Debris in your gutter causes water to back up. In the winter that backup can freeze and result in ice dams, which can damage the roof of your home. In addition, the added weight of the ice can also cause gutters to pull away from the house.

### **Winterize your irrigation system**

To minimize the risk of freeze damage, you'll need to winterize your irrigation system. Due to the potential dangers involved with winterization, it is best to call a professional. Most irrigation professionals run between \$75 to \$105 for this service.

\*\*\* When temps drop below freezing you might see condensation on windows which is normal. Also, please keep vanity cabinetry doors open to provide warm air flow to pipes below the sink.



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