



WINTER PREPAREDNESS



IN THE FALL



STORE HOSES AND TURN OFF OUTDOOR WATER

Leaving hoses attached can cause water to back up in the faucets and in the plumbing pipes just inside your exterior walls. Once freezing temps arrive, the water could freeze, expand and crack the faucet or pipes.



CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS

After the leaves have fallen, clean your gutters to remove leaves, twigs and other debris. Clogged gutters can cause ice dams, which can lead to expensive repairs.



SEAL CRACKS AROUND DOORS AND WINDOWS

Seal cracks between trim and siding, around window and door frames and where pipes and wires enter your house. Preventing moisture from getting inside your walls is one of the least expensive of your fall maintenance tasks. You'll also save energy costs this way!



GET YOUR FURNACE SERVICED

Schedule an annual maintenance appointment with a heating and cooling professional to get your heating system checked for the season. Change your furnace filters too, which should be done every two months.

BEFORE THE SNOW FLIES



CHECK SMOKE AND CO2 DETECTORS

Check all smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors throughout the house to make sure they are working and replace batteries. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, having working smoke alarm in your home reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.



MONITORED WATER AND LOW TEMPERATURE SENSORS

Know when the temperature gets too low, a pipe bursts and water is leaking in your home or business; these sensors will send notifications to you and Custom Alarm and immediate action taken, reducing the potential damage.



SPACE HEATER SAFETY

Place 3 feet away from furniture, plug directly into an outlet (not an extension cord), shut off and unplug if you leave, regularly inspect to make sure it is working safely.



CLEAN OUTDOOR CAMERAS

Camera's outside your home for security can be regularly cleaned. Snow and salt can build up throughout the winter, keep clean for the best protection.



CHANGE BATTERIES ON ELECTRONIC LOCKS

Be prepared and proactive by changing the batteries on your electronic locks. The winter cold can cause batteries to go dead quicker.



UPDATE YOUR CALL LIST

Going out of town for the winter, week, few days or have you made changes in your life recently? Make sure you have your call-list updated for your security system, ensuring the correct person is contacted in case of an emergency.



PET SAFETY

Don't forget about your furry little ones. The cold temperatures can be dangerous for them, if temperatures are too cold, give them a warm place to stay. Make sure food and water dishes are filled and the water doesn't freeze over.

