

## Winterizing Your Home

Get your home winter ready before the storm hits. It's not just efficient; it can save your life.

- Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic
- Winterize your house, barn, shed or any other structure that may provide shelter for your livestock or equipment
- Clear rain gutters; repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or other structure during a storm
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year
- Insulate pipes and allow faucets to trickle during cold weather to avoid freezing and broken pipes
- All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside and kept clear
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- LEARN HOW TO
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- Keep fire extinguishers on hand and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them
- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts)
- Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out
- Hire someone to determine the structural capacity of your roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow