December 2022 Housing Sector

Winter Home Maintenance

Checklist:

Improvement Advice

- Cover or take out air conditioners
- Check basements for leaks during thaws
- Vacuum bathroom exhaust fan
- Vacuum refrigerator and freezer coils
- Empty and clean drip trays in fridge
- Clean & deodorize sinks, tubs, shower, and • dishwashers
- Re-caulk the windows
- Always do a roof inspection

- Test your sump pump before flooding season
- Reverse ceiling fans to stay
- Protect your floors with a entry mat from salt & grime
- Prepare de-ice solutions for walkways
- Make space for bulky winter clothes & boots
 - Update emergency kits
- Get ready for winter storms
- Prepare for the New Year

Things You Should Not Plug Into A **Power strip or Extension Cord**

- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Washing Machines
- Microwaves
- Coffee Makers
- Toasters
- Slow Cookers
- Hot Plates
- Space Heaters

- Generators
- Sump Pumps
- Air Compressors
- Hair Dryers
- Curling Wands
- Straighteners
- · Air Conditioner (only on a heavy duty properly rated extension cord)





Monthly Check-

- Clean or replace the filter to the furnace and/or HRV
- Clean faucets and showerheads from mineral buildup
- Inspect all drains for debris; unclog if necessary
- Test smoke alarms
- Vacuum heat registers and heat vents
- Check indoor & outdoor air vents are not blocked

