

# Preparing the Home for Winter



Winter may be cold and miserable, but your home shouldn't be. Here are some money saving tips to prepare for winter and reduce your energy costs.



- \* Check and replace all expired fire extinguishers in the kitchen, garage, and/or workshop.
- \* Test and/or replace smoke detector batteries.
- \* Check cords on all electrical equipment.
- \* To avoid cracks and leaks, insulate water pipes running through unheated spaces.
- \* Check & repair caulking around doors and windows.
- \* Clean leaves and debris from gutters.
- \* Drain the gas and oil from yard tools.
- \* Be sure to store gas cans safely away from sources of flames and/or sparks and always out of reach of children.
- \* If you use the fireplace, which can help supplement energy costs, make sure the chimney is clean and the flue is closed when not in use.

