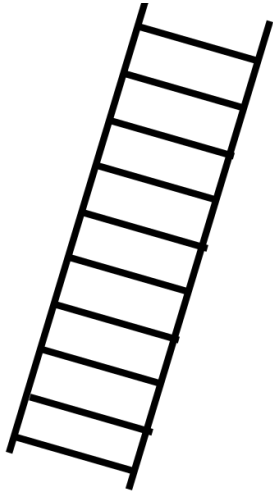


# Winter Home Preparation Basics



## Stock Up on Supplies and Food

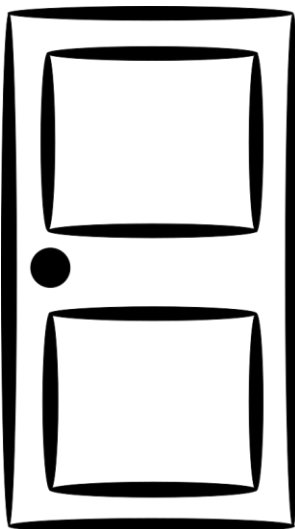
- Buy extra water and canned food to store just in case.
- Make sure your snow shovel is easy to locate.

## Gutters, Down Spouts & Falling Limbs

- Clean gutters and downspouts mid-fall and check them before winter.
- Install leaf guards to keep debris out of gutters.
- Trim weak and over grown limbs.

## Doors & Windows

- Check doors and windows for cracks or gaps where warm air can escape.
- Caulk or apply weather stripping around problem areas.
- Replace drafty windows or cover with heavy curtain to reduce draft.



## Roofing, Chimneys & Decks

- Repair loose gutters or roof shingles.
- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected.
- Protect deck from the winter elements by applying a fresh coat of sealer.

## Heating System

- Replace all home air filters.
- Give your heating a test run if not already in use.

## Pipes and Plumbing

- Cover outdoor faucets with insulated covers.
- Take care when traveling over the winter that your home heat is left on and pipes are wrapped; consider having someone check your home periodically.

