

Home Winterization Tips

Heat Tape and Insulate Water Lines

Heat tape is used to prevent metal and rigid plastic water filled lines from freezing. In sub-freezing areas, heat tape is one of the best ways to protect your pipes from freezing because it's affordable and works remarkably well. Read your homes owner manual if unsure of what type to wrap your pipes with. Alternatively, Scan QR code to help with identifying the best Heat tape for your home.



Clear Your Gutters

Wear safety glasses and rubber gloves to protect yourself from debris. Begin cleaning near a downspout. Remove and clean the downspout strainer. Clear large debris such as leaves and twigs by hand. Use a trowel or gutter scoop for compacted debris. Rinse gutters with clean water and allow to dry completely. Alternatively you can use a leaf blower or shop vac to clean dry leaves and debris.

Never turn off your heat.

You won't be saving money by turning off the heat. This can wreak havoc on the pipes when temperatures drop near or below freezing. Always keep your home warm. As a rule of thumb, the thermostat should never be set below 55-60 degrees fahrenheit.

Seal and Patch Any Cracks

Sealing any draft areas using high-quality acrylic latex caulk is an easy and budget friendly way to keep warm air inside. Make sure to caulk any cracks in windows, door frames, and exhaust fans.

Crack Open Cabinet Doors with Pipes

Heat circulation is essential when keeping your entire home warm in the winter months. To help with circulation, crack open your cabinet doors and other doors in your home that don't have a vent that allows heat to circulate. Great opportunity to declutter cabinets as well.

Add Weather Stripping

To make sure cold outside temperatures don't enter your home, add weather stripping to exterior doors and windows. It's a budget friendly and effective way to seal off any cool air from coming in. If you feel a draft near your windows or doors, you'll want to seal it.

Reverse Your Ceiling Fans

During the summer, your ceiling fan pushes air down and pulls warm air up. But did you know you can reverse the fan blades during the winter for an opposite effect? Your fan has a switch to reverse the fan blade direction. This is a simple way to make your home warmer while using little energy.

Maintain Your Home's Skirting

Skirting helps manufactured homes retain heat and prevents snow from building up under the house. Make sure your skirting is protecting your home.

Read your manufactured home manual

Read your owner's manual that comes with your home. You should consult with your manual before making any major decisions regarding pipe warming, caulking, skirting etc.