

Saskatchewan Fall & Winter Home Maintenance Checklist

Use this practical checklist before the deep freeze to help protect your home, reduce preventable repairs, and stay prepared for winter.

1 Before the First Hard Freeze ❄️

- ☐ Book a furnace inspection and check or replace the filter.
- ☐ Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- ☐ Disconnect hoses and shut off / drain exterior taps.
- ☐ Insulate exposed pipes and know where the main water shutoff is.
- ☐ Clean gutters and downspouts and make sure water drains away from the foundation.
- ☐ Check weatherstripping and caulking around doors and windows.
- ☐ Inspect the roof, attic, and eaves for trouble spots.



2 After the First Major Snowfall ❄️

- ☐ Keep furnace and water-heater vents clear of snow and ice.
- ☐ Keep the gas meter and regulator clear using your hand or a soft broom.
- ☐ Mark driveway edges, vents, and utility areas with stakes.
- ☐ Check the sump discharge area and drainage around the home.
- ☐ Restock your shovel, scraper, sand or ice melt, and emergency winter supplies.



3 Monthly During Winter 📅

- ☐ Check the furnace filter regularly during heating season.
- ☐ Watch for drafts, excess condensation, frost, or signs of ice dams.
- ☐ Use fans and ventilation to manage indoor humidity.
- ☐ Check basements, utility rooms, and under sinks for leaks or freezing risk.
- ☐ Clear snow away from important vents, exits, and walkways after storms.



4 Before Leaving Home for a Winter Trip 🏠

- ☐ Leave the heat on and set it to no lower than 16°C.
- ☐ Ask someone to check on the home if you will be away.
- ☐ Shut off or drain vulnerable water lines if appropriate.
- ☐ Review your insurance requirements for an unoccupied home.



Tip: Save this checklist and review it every fall.

A few preventative steps now can help you avoid expensive winter surprises later.

