



WINTER

HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST



Fluffy snow and sparkling icicles may make your home look like a winter wonderland but they can also bring on drafts, fallen tree limbs and ice dams. It's important to protect your home from the elements so that you can enjoy the holiday season. On behalf of Reid's Heritage Homes, we would like to remind you to do your quarterly home maintenance checklist. Below is a list of some of the items to complete so you ensure your home is safe and running smoothly.



DECEMBER

- Avoid using salt on new concrete steps as it can be damaging. Try to use sand instead.
- Check and reset your GFCI outlets.
- Clean/Change your furnace filter and ERV filter
- If you have ceiling fans, change the direction of the fan. This will force the hot air downwards.



JANUARY

- Ensure that vent pipes for your furnace, hot water tank and ERV are clear of snow.
- Power outages are common during winter storms. Make sure your home has a well-stocked survival kit.
- Open your blinds and curtains during the day to allow air to flow which will eliminate moisture.
- If you are leaving your home for an extended amount of time, turn your heat down to 10 to 15°C. Don't turn your heat off as this can cause your pipes to freeze. Have a friend or family member check your home periodically.



FEBRUARY

- Clear snow away from window wells and the foundation of your home.
- If possible, carefully remove snow/ice from the roof overhangs/vents.
- Check your humidity levels to make sure that they range from 40-45%.
- Use this time to clean the basement, garage and other interior spaces that can get neglected during the warmer months.
- Check air ducts, remove covers and vacuum dust from the vents

