

Pre-Winter Home Maintenance Checklist

As the seasons change, colder weather can bring extra challenges for homeowners. At Covenant Living Communities and Services, we care about your comfort and safety—whether you live with us or in your own home. That’s why we’ve put together this easy, practical checklist to help you prepare your home before winter arrives.

Use this list to stay safe, warm, and worry-free all season long.



Indoor Maintenance

- ☐ Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and replace batteries.
- ☐ Schedule a furnace inspection or service check-up.
- ☐ Clean or replace furnace filters.
- ☐ Check space heaters for safety and proper function.
- ☐ Inspect windows and doors for drafts; add weather stripping or caulk as needed.
- ☐ Reverse ceiling fans to push warm air down.
- ☐ Stock up on essentials: batteries, flashlights, blankets, and non-perishable food.
- ☐ Make sure emergency contact numbers are easily accessible.

Outdoor Maintenance

- ☐ Clean gutters and downspouts to prevent ice dams.
- ☐ Inspect the roof for missing or damaged shingles.
- ☐ Drain and store garden hoses; shut off outdoor water valves.
- ☐ Put away or cover outdoor furniture to protect it from snow and ice.
- ☐ Check railings and steps for stability and repair if needed.
- ☐ Trim tree branches near the home to prevent breakage.
- ☐ Have snow removal tools and ice melt ready.

Personal Safety & Well-Being

- ☐ Update your emergency plan and share it with a loved one.
- ☐ Arrange for snow removal services if needed.
- ☐ Keep walkways and driveways clear and well-lit.
- ☐ Have your car winterized if you'll be driving.

At Covenant Living Communities and Services, we're here to help you stay safe, connected, and cared for—in every season. And when you're ready to stop worrying about home maintenance tasks altogether, give us a call to learn how a move to our senior living community can give you more time, peace of mind, and freedom to enjoy the things you love. Learn more on our website.

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