

HOME & GARDEN

Now is the time to prepare for winter

Don't let this winter catch you by surprise. Early preparation for winter will save time and money later on," said Eric Schmidt, building expert at The Home Depot.

Check both the interior and exterior of your home to identify any areas in need of repair. The following are a few tips that can help battle the winter chill and keep costs down.

WINDOWS, DOOR FRAMES AND BASEBOARDS

- Check windows, door frames and baseboards for escaping heat by holding a lit match by gaps. If the flame moves or blows out, you have a draft problem.
- Use silicone caulking around doors and window. (Spray foam is more effective for filling larger drafty cavities such as pipe outlets).

Replace worn or damaged weather-stripping around doors and window frames. Most weather-stripping products only last a few years so make this a seasonal check-up.

Clear plastic film can also be applied over windows utilizing a hair dryer to help stop drafts and prevent frost build-up.

ATTICS AND BASEMENTS

- Insufficient insulated attics and base-

ments can cost a homeowner hundreds of dollars in heating costs each winter," said Schmidt.

Good insulation goes hand in hand with good ventilation, so check that your home's soffit (intake) vents and roof (outtake) vents are in good condition and that your home has enough vent outlets.

CHANGE THE FURNACE CENTRAL AIR FILTRE

- Most standard filters help people breath easier, make your furnace or central air system run more efficiently and remove dust, dirt, pollen and other air particles from your home.
- To avoid build-up, standard filters should be replaced monthly.

PROTECT YOUR ROOF

Many roofs are unable to withstand snow's dense weight. Insure against a possible collapse by keeping a snow from draining off and causing expensive roof leaks. Install roof or soffit vents to assure proper attic ventilation and avoid freeze-ups.

INSPECT YOUR GUTTERS

Make sure your gutters, particularly the areas that extend beyond the heat of your home, are clear of debris and are draining properly.

COVER EXTERIOR AIR CONDITIONER UNITS

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Copy reads: 1/2" Collet


Should read: 1/4" Collet

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