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## A Guide to Homes in winter

Keeping your property safe



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**It is important to keep your property protected from the winter weather and with this in mind we have a winter period fact sheet to help you:**

- If your property going to be vacant for some time, it could be sensible to drain down the hot and cold water systems. If the central heating system has been treated with anti-freeze then this need not necessarily be drained – check with your plumber.
- Make sure pipes are properly lagged, especially if outside or in an unheated area – this can help prevent them bursting.
- If you away on holiday for a few days, leave the central heating system to run continuously at a very low level – approx 5c – to keep things ticking over.
- Whilst away you could leave the loft hatch open to help keep the roof space above freezing point and to prevent any burst pipes up there.
- Check your loft insulation is adequate – proper insulation in the loft is a cheap and effective way of keeping the house warm and reducing energy bills.
- To prevent moisture damage to paint and timber/metal frames, wipe away condensation that has formed overnight on windows each morning.
- Keep an eye on things as the snow starts to melt as ice at the edge of a roof could stop thawing snow draining away and it may consequently leak into the loft.
- Outside, keep downpipes and gutters free from moss and leaves as this will cause blockages. If gutters spill over due to blockages this can cause damp and damage to walls, and water can freeze and fracture pipes if prevented from draining away.
- Wrap up those plants that need protecting from frost and the cold, or move them into the greenhouse if you can. Statues and decorative items should also be moved into a shed or protected if possible.
- If you have an open fire, remember to keep logs dry and to have your fire guard in place.



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