

Keep the Chill Out and Safely Enjoy the Season

Winter weather can present unexpected risks to your home. Please take a moment to review this helpful winter home maintenance checklist so you can protect your investment.

Check your outlets and all electrical holiday decorations for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose connections. Do not overload the outlet, extension cords or surge protectors.

Check and clean your heating system to make sure it is in good working condition for the winter months. This is generally a job best performed by a professional.

Have adequate fuel reserves on hand since fuel carriers might not be able to refuel for several days during severe weather.

Close off and lower the temperature in unneeded rooms. Make sure that there is sufficient heat to prevent the freezing of water pipes.

Insulate pipes that pass through unheated areas. Your home's crawl space and attic are two such areas.

Clean and/or replace your furnace filter before the heating season begins.

Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct and space under the dryer. This prevents lint from accumulating and decreases the risk of fire.

Service snow removal equipment and have rock salt on hand to melt ice on walkways.

Set the heat in your home no lower than 55 degrees.

Remove screens from windows and install storm windows.

Protect your roof against heavy snow and ice loads. Keep gutters clean and roof drains opened.

Inspect washing machine hoses periodically and replace hoses that show signs of leaking.

We're here to help when it matters most. Please call the Grayson Thomas Agency at 864-289-9898, if you have any questions regarding your policy and coverages or [click here](#) for more information.