

Your Expert **Winterization** Checklist

Winterizing your property before you leave for the winter and doing it correctly will ensure you return to a trouble free summer home! Follow these tips. If you do not feel qualified to perform these steps, call your favorite plumber to do this for you. You will be glad you did.

Checklist

- Shut off water at meter or main water “shutoff” valve outside is cutoff
- Drain water heater and any well or holding tanks other than the heat system
- Shut off gas or electricity to water heater. Place sign on water heater stating: “DO NOT TURN ON”
- Drain all internal and external water supply lines including any well holding tanks, or underground landscaping sprinkler systems and clear with positive air pressure
- Leave all faucets and intermediate valves from the shutdown point open, including all sill cocks
- Drain all water closet tanks and add antifreeze to tanks (ensure the traps are blown out)

Put Minus 50 Degree Antifreeze in the Following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Closet Bowl Traps | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Floor Drain Traps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lavatory Traps | <input type="checkbox"/> Basement Floor Drain Traps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Sink Traps | <input type="checkbox"/> Bar Sink Trap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bathtub Traps | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Tub Traps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shower Traps | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sauna Floor Drain Traps | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

- Place special non-toxic antifreeze solution in dishwasher drain and cycle to assure solution entered pump
- Place sign on toilet stating “DO NOT USE THE TOILET” and tape the toilet seat covers closed
- Place sign on the nearest window clearly visible to front door stating “THIS HOME HAS BEEN WINTERIZED”
- Power to sump pumps must remain on to assure property will not be damaged by flooding
- Close all fireplace dampers and fireplace vents
- Close crawlspace vents if you have them to keep the space warmer. Consider running a dehumidifier in the crawlspace or basement to keep humidity under control and prevent mildew over the winter. Remember to open vents when you return.
- Electrical service and heating systems remain “ON” and set at 55 degrees during winter months. Tape thermostat to prevent tampering

Work performed by: _____



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