



HOME Rochester Homeowners Winter 2022 Newsletter

Winter Maintenance Checklist

- **Help heat from escaping your home-** Inspect windows and doors by conducting a check for drafts. Install or check existing weather-stripping around windows and doors. Replace worn weather-stripping and caulk any gaps. Use a door draft guard. Check for cracked or broken windows. A tight seal is the first line of defense against air and water.
- **Gutter clean out-** Clear debris from gutters. Clogged gutters are the primary reason ice dams build. Water in the basement can be caused from clogged gutter water overrun. Make sure that downspouts are clear and are pointed away from the house.
- **Tree limbs-** Trim tree limbs away from your house and gutters to avoid fallen branches. Branches that hang over your roof line should be trimmed regularly.
- **Exterior faucets/spigot-** Disconnect your hose from outside faucets.
- **Roof-** Check your roof for loose, damaged or missing shingles. Replace shingles where necessary. Consider a roof rake to remove excess snow from your roof; it is an inexpensive way to prevent ice damming.
- **Furnace and sump pump-** Change your air furnace filter, a new filter will help your furnace run more efficiently. Do a check of your furnace and your sump pump for proper function. Consider having your furnace professionally serviced before winter sets in.
- **Heat vents-** Vacuum dust build up from your heat vent grates. Clear any obstacles away from the front of your heat vents.
- **Dryer vent and house fans-** Clean out your lint trap each cycle. Unplug your dryer and clean your dryer vent and hose monthly. Your vent is found at the back of the dryer. Check for proper functioning of your kitchen exhaust and bathroom fans; clean filters. Exhaust fans rid the room air of excess moisture, humidity, odors and pollutants.
- **Leaks in/out-faucets-** Check under the kitchen and bathroom sinks to make sure connections on pipes and hoses are properly sealed. Look for wetness around the dishwasher that could signal an existing or potential problem. Check your washing machine hoses for cracks, bulges or dampness. Also check hot water heaters, which may show signs of corrosion and leaks.
- **Winter safety-** Shovel your walkways and use ice melt which will also create traction to prevent slipping or falling.
- **Smoke Detectors and CO Alarms-** Replace batteries in your smoke detectors and check for proper functioning of CO alarms. Have a working fire extinguisher on hand.

You may want to enlist a professional to assist with some of these tasks.

Our goal is to send out tips for seasonal home maintenance to assist you with successful homeownership. Please respond to this e-mail and indicate if you choose to opt out of further newsletter communication. This content is available in Spanish upon request.



HOLIDAYS at the Rochester Public Market

Sundays-- November 27, December 4, December 11 from 8AM to 2PM
Thursdays-- December 15, 6 – 9PM

A Rochester holiday tradition for over 26 years, Holidays at the Market features dozens of holiday-focused vendors (fresh-cut trees and wreaths, decorations, specialty foods and beverage products, hand crafted items, seasonal treats, and much more!) The Market will be decked out in holiday lights, festive music, and have limitless local shopping and unique gift items. This year, Santa and the horse-drawn carriage rides are BACK from 9 AM -2 PM!



ROC HOLIDAY VILLAGE

Wednesdays to Sundays
December 2 – December 23

Roc Holiday Village is a magical, winter festival located in Rochester, NY. The beloved fest features family-friendly events including a unique shopping village, free visits with Santa, free ice skating, Santa's Workshop, outdoor seating & firepits, indoor bar & restaurant, cozy winter igloos, holiday celebrations, live music, food trucks and more! Visit rocholidayvillage.com for more information about this year's FREE event!
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