



HOME Rochester and Make Monroe Home Homeowners Winter 2024 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.
- **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 as 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.
- **Winter weather supplies-** Be prepared with a snow shovel, ice melt and proper winter clothing to protect yourself from cold temperatures while outside.
- **Winter safety-** Shovel your walkways and use ice melt which will also create traction to prevent slipping or falling.
- **Gutter clean out-** Clear debris from gutters before it freezes. 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.
- **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.
- **Smoke Detectors and CO Alarms-** If your smoke detector is battery operated, 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

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

CITY OF ROCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION- NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTERS

The City of Rochester has been divided into the four (4) geographic quadrants, each with its own Neighborhood Service Center. Each quadrant in the city also has its own Quadrant Team, an interdepartmental team of professionals dedicated to improving the quality of life in their assigned area. These cross-functional teams are intended to directly solve problems, establish community partnerships, and promote strength and growth in city neighborhoods. Teams meet regularly with community representatives to identify and prioritize issues.

Neighborhood Service Centers are based on the notion that the best way of responding to neighborhood issues is by teaming residents with City staff to devise and achieve effective solutions. This approach brings City government closer to its citizens and their neighborhoods so that quality of life issues can be addressed quickly and effectively.

Northwest Quadrant Neighborhood Service Center

(585) 428-7620 400 Dewey Avenue Rochester, NY 14613

Northeast Quadrant Neighborhood Service Center

(585) 428-7660 500 Norton St Rochester, NY 14621

Southwest Quadrant Neighborhood Service Center

(585) 428-7630 923 Genesee St Rochester, NY 14611

Southeast Quadrant Neighborhood Service Center

(585) 428-7640 320 N Goodman Street, Suite 209 Rochester, NY 14607

SEAC TOOL SHED- AFFORDABLE TOOL LENDING PROGRAM FOR GREATER ROCHESTARIANS



This program's mission is to provide access to tools to any resident, business, or organization in the Greater Rochester Area, for a small annual fee (\$25 per year for the basic level). Tools are expensive and shouldn't be an obstacle to anyone wanting to do repairs on their home, business or in the community.

Many people do not purchase tools because either they cannot afford them or simply do not wish to pay for something they will use once, maybe twice, in their lifetime. This program removes both of those hurdles, giving access to tools to those who need and want it. Community groups looking to engage in Clean Sweeps, neighborhood beautification projects and the like, need to look no further than SEAC's Tool Shed to assist with their needs. Low-income homeowners wanting to complete repairs on their home should be able to do so without tool cost barriers holding them back.

Visit <https://seactoolshed.org/> to learn more!



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<https://www.visitrochester.com/events/>