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Preparing Your Home for Winter

Beaver PA – Even though it feels like football season just started and the leaves are only now falling, it's time to get your home ready for those winter months.

Start outside. Clean out your gutters to prevent any debris from freezing and potentially causing damage to your roof in the colder months. It's also a good time to pick up around your yard and clean up any leaves, sticks or overgrown bushes.

“Inside, you will want to have your furnace checked and serviced, if needed,” said Beaver County Association of REALTORS® President Judy Plakosh. “You don't want to find out on the first freezing night that it isn't working properly. This is also a good time to seal your doors and windows from any cracks that may let in cold air and drive up your heating bill.”

Now is also the time to get your safety kit ready. If a big storm knocks out the power for hours or days, would you be ready? You should have boxed and canned food, flashlights or candles for light, blankets and bottled water. Again, you don't want to wait until an emergency to realize you are unprepared.

Checking your smoke detector and carbon monoxide batteries this time of year is also a good habit to have, as more home fires and carbon monoxide poisoning cases happen in the winter months. Check your fire extinguisher as well, it should have an expiration date on it, so you know when to replace it.

“Don't forget about your plumbing,” said Plakosh. “To prevent frozen pipes, consider insulating pipes near the doors and windows.”

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