HOME
WINTER READY CHECK LIST

EXTERIOR

- ❒ Have roof inspection for missing or loose shingles
- ❒ Inspect for clean gutters and downspouts
- ❒ Caulk windows and weather-strip doors
- ❒ Switch screens to storm windows
- ❒ Turn off water supply to outside faucets
- ❒ Disconnect garden hoses outside faucets and drain the hose before you store them
- ❒ Drain exterior water faucets of water in the line
- ❒ Use an insulated cover for the outside faucet

INTERIOR

- ❒ If you have a propane or oil furnace, make sure to have your fuel storage tank topped off and ready to go
- ❒ Have heating system checked
- ❒ Flush water heater and check for signs of leakage
- ❒ Clean or replace air filters, monthly
- ❒ Clear obstacles to heating vents so air can freely flow
- ❒ Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- ❒ Charge the battery backup for landline telephones
- ❒ If you have a chimney, check and clear of any nests from birds, squirrels or other animals.
- ❒ Cover drafty windows with plastic
- ❒ Clean dryer filter regularly
- ❒ Find and eliminate any leaks or gaps using caulking and/or weather stripping
- ❒ Make sure any paints or flammable materials are stored away from heat sources
- ❒ Make sure you know where the shut-off switch is for water, gas and electric

TIPS TO HELP REDUCE ENERGY COSTS

- ❒ Use a programmable thermostat to lower temperatures at night or when you leave home
- ❒ If you have a fireplace, remember to close the damper when fireplace is not in use
- ❒ Caution, if you use electric space heaters, purchase a unit with automatic shut-off
- ❒ Consider budget billing to spread heating costs throughout the year
- ❒ Eliminate drafts under the door by using draft stopper(s)
- ❒ If you have ceiling fans run the fans in reverse
- ❒ Cover drafty windows with plastic
- ❒ In older homes, insulate the attic
- ❒ Use energy efficient light bulbs
- ❒ Put caulk plates around outlets
- ❒ Insulate pipes