

# PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

## Outside

- Close the pool
- Clean and store your patio furniture
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Dust and wipe down baseboards and window sills
- Check and clean vents
- Clean and inspect chimney
- Remove hoses from outdoor spigots
- Check the roof and repair any holes or loose shingles; replace any failed sealant
- Fill cracks in foundation
- Fill cracks in driveway and pathways
- Check all weather stripping around your doors and windows, replace if needed
- Check exterior caulk, especially at corners of siding and around any entry points for wiring and plumbing.
- Protect your trees and bring all planters inside
- Cut back your landscape
- Plant bulbs for spring flowers

## Inside

- Check all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- Reverse your fans – if they turn clockwise, they'll circulate the warm air
- Set your humidifier for winter – recommended is between 30-50%
- Check the fireplace for damage, creosote build-up and bird's nest
- Service your heating system if due
- Insulate exposed water pipes to keep them from bursting

## Garage

- Winterize and store the lawn mower and other summer garden tools
- Ensure your winter tools and snowblower are in working condition and easily accessible