



# REDA HOME BUILDER'S

## Tips on how to WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

- Add weather stripping to doors & windows to prevent cold from coming in and warm air escaping
- Maintaining your heating system: check your fireplace for critters and clean out the debris. Change out your air filters for new ones, & close your crawlspace vents to prevent cold air from coming in
- Clean your gutters: A good rule of thumb is to clean them as soon as the last leaves fall from autumn
- Block the cold: caulk around the windows and use foam outlet protectors to prevent cold air from coming in
- Check your thermostat: try keeping it at 68 degrees while your home and dropping it a couple degrees when you're away and sleeping
- Check & Insulate pipes: insulate exposed pipes especially in unheated areas. Make sure to check your attic and basements
- Check & maintain your roof: inspect for leaks and replace loose shingles. Remove ice dams that block melting snow from draining
- Prepare your yard: turn off your spigot & unhook the hose, inspect your driveway and walkways and avoid using rock salt on your concrete because it is highly corrosive and will damage it
- Upgrade your windows: if you have old windows/doors, think about upgrading them to storm windows or storm doors
- Prepare for emergencies: stock up on emergency supplies, check smoke & carbon monoxide detectors, & test back up generators if you have them