



Winter Property Checklist

Help protect your property before winter damage turns into costly repairs or insurance complications. This checklist is designed for homeowners, commercial property owners, and decision makers who want to proactively reduce risk, spot early warning signs, and be better prepared if property damage occurs.

❑ Roof & Exterior

- Inspect the roof for missing, loose, or damaged shingles
- Check flashing around chimneys, vents, and skylights
- Clear debris from roof and gutters
- Ensure downspouts direct water away from the foundation
- Look for signs of hail damage or storm damage from prior events
- Trim tree limbs away from roofs and power lines

❑ Gutters & Drainage

- Clean gutters to prevent ice dams and water backup
- Confirm gutters are secure
- Check ground drainage and slope around the building
- Remove leaves and debris from drains and scuppers

❑ Plumbing & Water Systems

- Insulate exposed pipes in attics, crawlspaces, and exterior walls
- Disconnect and drain hoses
- Shut off and drain outdoor water lines where applicable
- Check water heaters and mechanical rooms for leaks
- Know where the main water shutoff valve is located

❑ Inspect Attic, Crawlspaces & Interior for:

- Moisture, mold, or frost buildup
- Water stains on ceilings, walls, or insulation
- Standing water or excess humidity
- Proper ventilation in attics and enclosed spaces
- Air leaks around doors, windows, and penetrations. If you find them, seal them!

❑ Heating & Mechanical Systems

- Service heating systems before peak winter use
- Replace HVAC filters
- Confirm vents and exhausts are clear of obstructions
- Check backup power systems or generators if applicable

❑ After Winter Storms

- Walk the property and look for new roof damage or exterior changes
- Watch for interior signs of water intrusion after storms or freezes
- Document visible damage with photos and notes
- Avoid temporary repairs that could interfere with proper documentation

If You Suspect Property Damage Early action matters.

Small issues can escalate quickly in cold weather, and delayed attention may complicate recovery.

Building Damage Consultants helps property owners understand damage, document conditions, and navigate next steps with clarity and professionalism.

❑ Request Your Free Claim Review

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