



Keep warm during the winter in your mobile home

- Help to preserve your mobile home from damage during the winter months



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Winter can wreak havoc on your mobile home if you do not take the proper precautions to safeguard it against leaks, drafts, heat loss, and fire. Here are some simple tips to help keep your mobile home safe and warm during the winter months.

Insulate areas where air can enter

Sealing drafts is one of the easiest ways to winterize your mobile home.

1. Spray foam insulation in any holes where the pipes enter the home.
2. Caulk additional holes where cables lead into your home.
3. Caulk the seams between the roof and siding.
4. Install weather stripping to your door frame and windows.
5. Install storm doors and windows.
6. Install insulation under your home to prevent drafts from coming in through the floor.
7. Wrap pipe insulation in the form of heat tape around all the parts of the pipe, so they are completely covered.
8. Wrap an insulation blanket around your water heater.
9. Add more insulation to the roof cavities.

Outside maintenance

1. Clean out gutters.
2. Slightly loosen your home's tie-downs. This allows your home to move when the ground freezes to prevent structural damage.
3. Make sure skirting around the home is secure. Shovel snow away from skirting to prevent damage.

Prevent winter fires

1. Keep fire extinguishers in kitchen and by the furnace.
2. Replace furnace filters regularly – typically every 3-6 months. It is important to keep in mind that each housing situation is different and is typically based on such things as how often windows are open, pets or smokers in the household, or how often you run a fan.
3. Vacuum and clean out the area that contains your furnace every few months.
4. Have your chimney cleaned at least once a year.
5. Clean your vents regularly.
6. Once a month, make sure both your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working.

We hope this article provided you with some easy ways to help winterize your mobile home.

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