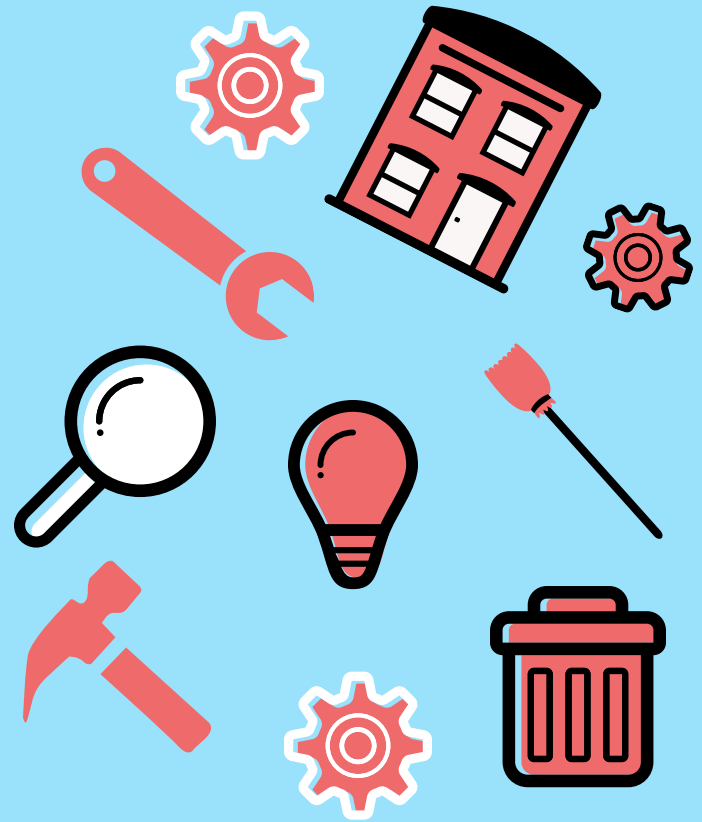


# WINTER HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

*Yes, even in Florida!*



## CHECK EXTERIOR OF YOUR HOME

Make sure all of your downspouts are directing water away from the foundation; check gutters to ensure they are clear of debris so that melting snow can properly drain. Also close any open crawl space vents.

## KEEP AC MAINTAINED

Maintaining your air-conditioner not only prolongs it's lifespan, but will also save you some money on energy costs. The fins, filters and coils all require regular maintenance in order for the AC to function efficiently.

## CHANGE POOL FILTERS

Or simply clean the ones you already have. Make sure to check the instructions for your pool to see how often the filters should be replaced.

## CLEAN FIREPLACE

Your fireplace should be cleaned annually. You might consider bringing in a professional to tackle this job - a chimney cleaner will be able to clear out creosote and any other build-up there may be.

## DEEP CLEAN KITCHEN APPLIANCES

Winter is the perfect time to give a good cleaning to all of your kitchen appliances, inside and out.

## STORE YOUR SUPPLIES PROPERLY

Find suitable storage not only for your shovels and snow blowers, but also for all of those gardening tools you may have used throughout the year. Now might be a great time to give them a good deep clean as well!

## INSPECT YOUR ROOF

Or hire someone to inspect it for you. Things to look out for are vent pipe seals that are worn-out, damaged shingles, and/or any issues with your chimney.

## CHECK SMOKE DETECTORS

Also check fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors; stock up on extra batteries and make sure all are working properly.