

From the Building Department

Winter weather brings with it challenges for homeowners, preparedness is key to staying safe and comfortable during the cold months. These are some of the areas that may require your attention:

- Battery operated smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector should be checked beginning of every month to ensure they are in full operation.
- Keep all firewood away from your house and stacked above ground level.
- Verify that tree limbs and shrubs do not touch side of dwelling.
- Review that all windows and exterior doors caulking is not split or deteriorated add caulking where required.
- Check weather-stripping at all exterior doors.
- Make sure that all gutters and downspouts are clean.

Prepare for Winter Storms

- Winter brings freezing rain, sleet, and blizzards. Get prepared ahead of time so that the next big storm doesn't leave you in trouble.
- If you have a generator, you want to make sure that it's working. Also, keep a stash of batteries for lanterns and flashlights in case of power outages and blackouts. Another good tip is to keep a solar-powered or battery-operated radio in your home. This means that if cellphone reception goes out, you can keep up to date with the news and weather.
- Check the condition of your snow shovels, gloves, and window scrapers. Store any heavy snow supplies near the door when you can get quick access to them.

