

CHECKLIST | ASSESSING YOUR WINTER WEATHER DAMAGE RISK

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In order to protect your home from the elements, it's important to conduct a thorough review of your property. The checklist below provides a list of questions to ask yourself that can help you better assess your risks and identify potential areas for improvement.

TOPIC	YES	NO
Has your home ever been damaged by winter weather?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the slope of your roof significant enough to shed snow and ice?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your roof have obstructions like chimneys and skylights that cause snow and ice to collect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you cleaned debris from your roof and drainage systems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any tree branches or other vegetation hanging over your roof?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you own/use electric heating cables or chemical de-icers to clear away ice?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are your pipes properly insulated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any leaks in your attic that allow cold air into your home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
During particularly cold weather, do you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open your water taps?• Maintain a constant and safe thermostat temperature?• Open your kitchen and sink cabinets to expose pipes to warmer air?• Keep your garage door closed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Before leaving your home for an extended period of time during winter months, do you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep your thermostat no lower than 15° C (55° F)?• Ensure someone checks your house regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you identified areas of your building that are susceptible to unusual amounts of snow and ice accumulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you promptly remove snow and ice from driveways, walkways and stairs following a storm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>