



Winter Maintenance Suggestions

Roofs

Winter storms followed by relatively mild temperatures often cause freeze-thaw cycles that can create leaks in roofs. Shingle roofing generally does not provide a waterproof membrane. Rather, shingles are meant to shed water down their overlapping courses into gutters off the roof overhang. Erratic weather conditions can cause a buildup of water – either in gutters and downspouts or from snow or ice dams formed on the roof. This water backs up under the shingles or eventually seeps through the shingles, causing leaks. Remove ice blockades from gutters, downspouts, and roof valleys and attempt to remove built-up ice and snow from the lower portions of the roof.

Pipes

Tips to avoid freezing pipes would include: Keeping your garage door closed as well as the doors to your furnace/water heater room; adding extra pipe insulation; a steady drip of cold water

Exterior Light Fixtures

The Trinity Lighting Company has recommended applying a high-grade automotive wax to the exterior light fixtures to maintain their original finish. The polished brass fixtures are particularly susceptible to tarnishing in this climate.