

'Winter weather can cause a lot of damage to properties- make sure you protect yours'.

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Top 10 Winter Tips



With temperatures dropping across the country, it is a good idea to carry out a few quick checks around your home and garden to prepare for the colder months.

Here are our top ten easy, cost-effective steps you can take to help prevent damage to your property this winter.

1. Protect your pipework- Lag (insulate) any exposed pipe to prevent them from freezing as the temperatures drop.
2. Insulate your loft- An average house can lose approximately 25% of its heat through a loft space. By insulating this space you will retain this heat and lower those heating bills (remember not to obstruct ventilation).
3. Prevent Draughts- Block up unnecessary draught from letter boxes, windows and doors.
4. Get you boiler serviced- a serviced boiler will be more efficient and less likely to break down when you need it the most.
5. Stock up on salt- for use on driveways and paths allowing safe access.
6. Drain down water system on empty properties or turn the thermostat to the 'frost' setting.
7. Fix any small cracks in masonry- this will prevent water from penetrating, freezing and expanding causing further damage.
8. Clear the gutters. Leaves etc. will block the gutters causing them to overflow.
9. Isolate any outside water supplies to prevent freezing.
10. Stop cock- make sure you know the location of your stop cock so you can isolate it in the event of an emergency.

For advice on damp or condensation problems please call or make an appointment to see us in the office at one of our drop-in surgeries.

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