



# Winterization

## Essentials Checklist

## Be prepared for what the winter season brings your way

### Winterizing your home:

- Cover your outdoor hoses pipes, and faucets
- Have your heating system inspected and clean filters and vents
- Inspect your windows and doors to make sure they are properly sealed and cover any holes with a durable caulk or weatherstripping
- Look for cracks in and around your walls and seal them with caulk
- Inspect the roof, clean gutters, and trim trees away from your roof and windows
- Inspect attic and replace any damaged insulation and seal cracks as needed
- Turn off and drain the water from your sprinkler system
- Protect plants and landscaping by relocating or covering with bed sheets or quilts

### Winterizing your vehicle:

- Make sure your tires are properly inflated
- Check your tire tread with the “penny test” by inserting a penny between the treads with Lincoln’s head facing down. If the treads cover his head, you are good to go
- Keep up with your routine brake maintenance
- Take a few minutes to inspect your wiper blades and replace them if needed
- Replace wiper fluid with low-temperature fluid
- Check engine coolant and antifreeze levels
- Keep your gas tank full to avoid a buildup of condensation
- Test your battery. Most auto supply shops can test your battery for free

### Winter roadside emergency kit:

- Flashlight and batteries
- Spare bulbs for headlights
- First aid kit
- Simple tool kit
- Reflective vest
- Hazard lights, cones, or triangles
- Umbrella
- Gas can
- Jumper cables
- Lug wrench and jack
- State and local maps
- Rain poncho
- Extra coat
- Emergency blankets