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5 Easy Ways To Get Your Home Ready For Winter (and save money doing it!)

DID YOU KNOW...

...that at the Wife
Carrying World
Championships in
Finland, first prize
is the wife's
weight in beer?

(Yes, really!)

Tip 1: Check Your Windows and Doors for Air Leaks

Air leaks can cause cold drafts in the home, leading to higher energy bills. Inspect windows and doors for gaps or cracks, then use weatherstripping or caulk to seal them. Adding insulation around windows and doors to prevent heat loss also helps.

Tip 2: Clean or Replace Your Chimney

Wood-burning fireplaces should have their chimneys inspected at least once every two years. Make sure to clean out any creosote buildup, as it could cause a chimney fire if left unchecked. If the flue is damaged, replace it immediately.

Tip 3: Inspect Your Roof

Before the snow starts piling up, check your roof for missing or damaged shingles. Small issues can quickly become big ones if left unchecked during the winter months when melting snow can find its way into those tiny cracks or holes and cause further damage inside your home.

Tip 4: Drain Outdoor Faucets/Hoses

Make sure all outdoor faucets are drained of water before temperatures drop too low in your area. If a hose is connected to an outdoor faucet, disconnect it before draining the faucet itself so that no water remains trapped in the hose where it could freeze and burst open with force – causing even more damage to both the hose and faucet!

Tip 5: Clear Gutters & Downspouts

Clogged gutters can cause serious problems if not taken care of properly during the winter when snowfall is heavier than usual. Clear out any leaves or debris that's built up in your gutters before heavy snowfall begins – this will help ensure that melted snow has somewhere to go instead of pooling on top of your roof!





Organize Your Home On A Budget!

Keeping your home organized doesn't have to involve an expensive overhaul. Even if you're on a tight budget, there are lots of small and inexpensive changes you can make that will help keep your space neat and tidy.

- Purchase Dual-Purpose Furniture Pieces - This could include a sofa bed for guests, an ottoman with built-in storage, or even modular shelving units.
- Organize Your Closet on the Cheap - Group items together as needed and designate sections for each type of clothing item. Use drawer dividers or hanging shelves for shoes, hats, and bags.
- Dedicate One Day Per Week for Maintenance - Dedicate one day per week for decluttering and reorganizing.

WEIRD, BUT TRUE!

Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt once snuck out of a White House event, commandeered an airplane, and went on a joyride to Baltimore.



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