



# Live Assured

when safeguarding your house from potential risk

## Safeguard Your Home for Fall & Winter

*Here are some helpful tips to make sure your home is protected during the cold weather:*

- Salt outdoor walkways and driveways after every thaw and freeze.
- Remove snow early and often, rather than waiting for significant accumulation.
- Remove snow from your roof by raking to avoid ice dams.
- If using a wood stove, fireplace or space heater, maintain at least a 36-inch clearance from any materials.
- Before using a wood stove, place a layer of sand or firebrick in the bottom of the firebox.
- Never leave a space heater or fireplace unattended.
- Check electric heaters for frayed cords or broken wires prior to use.
- Use only specified heavy duty cords and grounding prongs for space heaters.
- Never run cords under rugs or carpeting.
- Never use gasoline or liquid accelerant in fuel-powered devices or fireplaces.
- Allow fuel-powered devices to cool before refueling.
- Regularly clean fireplaces and make sure the damper is open when a fire is going.



- Have chimneys, air circulation passages and dryer vents routinely inspected for debris and animals.
- Use a grate and always close the fireplace screen when in use and keep glass doors open.
- Never burn garbage, rolled newspapers, charcoal or plastic in a fireplace.
- Clean ashes from fireplace and store in noncombustible container with tight fitting lid, outside and away from the house.
- Test smoke alarms monthly and install a Carbon Monoxide alarm.

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