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Cold Weather Prep Checklist

As we're heading into the colder months, it's important to prepare your home for the change in temperature.

☐ **Clean/replace AC air filter** date: ___ / ___ / ___
One of the common culprits for poor airflow and increased allergies are the air filters in your home.

☐ **Clean and repair siding** date: ___ / ___ / ___
Rid your home of any mildew that may have collected over the summer months. Start by washing your siding with soap and water, noting any gaps to later fill with caulk. Once you are sure there are no gaps in the siding, finish with a power wash.

☐ **Inspect fireplace** date: ___ / ___ / ___
Use a flashlight to examine your fireplace and chimney for animal nests and other debris that could be obstructing your flute. Also take a look at your bricks and mortar for cracks.

☐ **Seal air leaks** date: ___ / ___ / ___
Sealing air leaks around key areas like windows and doorways is one of the least expensive yet fiscally responsible things you can do.

☐ **Clean around outdoor units** date: ___ / ___ / ___
Remove any debris, leaves, branches, etc that may be around or on top of your unit. You definitely don't want to wait until the snow arrives to do this!

☐ **Test furnace to ensure it works** date: ___ / ___ / ___
Test your furnace before you need it. When you turn up your thermostat, you may notice a slight burning smell. This is normal and results from any dust that may have accumulated on your unit.

☐ **Programmable thermostat** date: ___ / ___ / ___
For major savings, consider purchasing a programmable thermostat that will automatically adjust to the behavior and energy requirements of you and your family.

☐ **Dress warm** date: ___ / ___ / ___
Keeping your indoor temperatures low, wearing sweaters, and taking advantage of a good blanket is an excellent solution to lowering your heating bill.

☐ **Replace/upgrade appliances** date: ___ / ___ / ___
Energy Star appliances (like dishwashers, washing machines, and refrigerators) are 40% more efficient than their modern competitors that lack the Energy Star label.

☐ **Drain the garden hose** date: ___ / ___ / ___
Drain hoses and irrigation systems of water, disconnect, and store properly.

☐ **Insulate pipes** date: ___ / ___ / ___
Reduce heat loss, conserve water, and protect your home from potential water damage.

☐ **Check irrigation systems** date: ___ / ___ / ___
To prevent burst water lines, shut off the water supply that leads to your system. Then, open all the manual drain valves.

☐ **Locate shut-off valves** date: ___ / ___ / ___
It is important to know where your shut-off valves are in the event that your pipes start to leak or burst. Make other family members aware in case of an emergency.

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