

## HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR WINTER

- Keep humidity levels lower as the temperature drops.
- Keep window treatments open as much as possible.
- Clean or replace furnace filter as needed.
- Check hot water heater for mineral build up.
- Clean range hood filter.
- Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Occasionally open a couple of windows for about 10 minutes to help air quality and prevent moisture build up.
- Clean faucet aerators.
- Pour water in floor drains to maintain the trap's water barrier.
- Check outside vents (dryers, bath exhaust fans, furnaces, etc.) to make sure they are working properly and free of frost, snow, and debris.
- With an older home that is not well insulated, a professional should remove the snow from the roof to prevent shingle damage and ice dams from forming.
- Avoid walking or driving on the lawn without snow cover.
- Keep egress windows free and clear of snow and debris.