

Winter Prep Checklist

For Luxury & Lake Homes



A little preparation now saves a lot of stress — and expense — once the snow starts flying. Work through this checklist before temperatures drop.

Start With the Building Envelope

- ☐ Inspect the roof and gutters — clear debris, check for loose shingles, confirm downspouts drain away from the foundation.
- ☐ Seal gaps and drafts around windows, doors, vents, and cable penetrations.
- ☐ Check attic insulation and ventilation to guard against ice dams.

Protect Your Mechanical Systems

- ☐ Service the furnace or boiler with a pre-season tune-up.
- ☐ Drain and shut down exterior faucets and irrigation systems.
- ☐ Insulate exposed pipes in crawl spaces, garages, and exterior walls.
- ☐ Test your generator — fresh fuel, fittings in good shape.

Outdoor Living & Landscape

- ☐ Store or cover outdoor furniture, grills, and cushions.
- ☐ Winterize pools, spas, and fountains per manufacturer guidance.
- ☐ Trim trees and limbs near the house or driveway.
- ☐ Have driveways and walkways assessed for cracks.

For Lake Homes: A Few Extra Steps

- ☐ Pull and store docks, lifts, and swim platforms before ice sets in.
- ☐ Winterize boats and watercraft — engine flush, fuel stabilizer, covered storage.
- ☐ Check seawalls, retaining walls, and shoreline structures for damage.
- ☐ Protect water-adjacent systems — pump houses, intake lines, exterior plumbing.
- ☐ Plan for snow load on boathouses and lakeside structures.
- ☐ Arrange driveway and dock-area snow removal ahead of time.

A Few Habits Worth Keeping All Season

- ☐ Keep the thermostat at a consistent minimum temperature, even when away.
- ☐ Know where your main water shutoff is — and make sure anyone checking the house does too.
- ☐ Walk the exterior after any major storm to catch snow load or ice issues early.

Need help crossing anything off this list?

Reach out to JN Built before winter sets in — we're happy to walk your property with you.

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