



## Winter time readiness!

It's that time of year again and we are having our first nights of freezing temperatures. Now's the time to get ahead on weatherization. Avoid unnecessary damage to your home and your heating bills will thank you for it.

Here's a short list of items to keep your house in shape before the visitors arrive for the upcoming holidays.

- Have your heating system checked by a professional heating and air person? If your in the Morgan County area; I personally have Economy Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing check my units semi annually.
- Protect your homes from frozen pipes that may burst. Many faucets state to disconnect the hoses.



- Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean the flues and check your fire place damper. This is often neglected and a common item I find on inspections. It is recommend if you have 1/8 of inch of creosote build up. The chimney should be cleaned and scoped.
- Inspect around your windows and caulk as need to reduce heat loss and water intrusion.
- Weather strip around doors and windows. [This Old House – Know your Weatherstripping](#)
- Blackouts and snow-ins can occur during winter months, so take a moment to prepare yourself and your family for such emergencies. Having the following items ready will help you make it through safely
- Flashlights, Bottle Water, Utility company phone numbers, Battery back up for computers
- Clean out gutters and ensure down spouts are flowing freely. While it seems minor keeping water away from your house is a concern with freeze thaw cycles. It will protect your home in many ways
- Holiday Decorations:  
'Tis the season to be festive, but remember to stay safe with your holiday decorations. Inspect the wires of your light display before switching them on: They may be frayed and present an electrical fire hazard. Same goes for the Christmas tree inside; always check the light strands for any sign of wear-and-tear from being in storage. If you have a real Christmas tree, keep it watered, since dry trees catch fire easier. Check with your local municipality for instructions on how to dispose of the tree once the new year arrives

Should you have any questions call Anthony Walker, Walker Property Inspection, LLC if your looking to have your home inspected be sure to look at the [www.walkerpropertyinspection.com](http://www.walkerpropertyinspection.com)

