

# Winter Home Checklist

Keep your home in check for a warm and worry-free Winter!

## External Maintenance

- No damaged, loose or missing tiles
- Check for leaks or damage in the loft
- Remove leaves and debris from your gutters
- Ensure proper drainage from your gutters into your downpipes
- Insulate external pipes and taps to prevent freezing
- Drain your garden hose
- Check for cracks in your brickwork
- Repoint loose mortar for added insulation
- Store garden furniture and tools in a shed or garage
- Trim trees and bushes in case of high winds
- Get your chimney swept by a professional

## Internal Maintenance

- Service your boiler
- Bleed radiators to maximise heat output
- Top up your loft insulation to reduce heat loss
- Add insulation to pipes in the loft, or unheated areas
- Check for condensation or mould around frames and address promptly
- Replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and test functionality
- Install carbon monoxide alarm near gas appliances

## Energy Efficiency Tips!

Use smart heating controls and install a programmable thermostat to manage costs.

Check your energy tariff, shop around for better deals on energy bills.

Switch to energy-efficient bulbs, use LEDs to save energy and reduce costs.