

## Preparing your home for winter checklist

Clocks adjusted when daylight savings ends (3am, Sunday 7th April 2024)
Heating system maintenance
Check fireplace chimney/flue before using for the first time of the year
Reverse your ceiling fans for warmer air (this can save on your heating costs)
Consider upgrading insulation
Clean your gutters of all debris, leaves etc
Check channel drains are clear
Check smoke detectors and alarms are working
Are your exterior lights working (consider LED/solar)
Timber windows and doors general operation (can swell in wet weather)
Weatherboards for rot, cracks or splits. If unsure, poke a screwdriver into areas
and if they look odd and goes through you may have issues
Check for bubbling paint on wooden surfaces as this could be an indication of
potential rot
Lastly, check for exterior holes that mice can get into. They love to come in out of
the cold and bring the whole family to settle in your roof!