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Even though your home is on the market, you'll want to get it ready for the winter season. A home that is prepared for the weather will attract more buyers and sell faster. The cooler temperatures and shorter days keep many buyers at home during the winter months so you'll want to make your home as warm and inviting as possible for the buyers who do come.

### Check the Heating System

1. Replace furnace filters
2. Fill oil or propane tanks
3. Vacuum around registers and air ducts
4. Check for proper venting of furnace, water heater and fireplace
5. Arrange for a chimney inspection

### Block Drafts

1. Caulk around windows and pipes that exit the house
2. Add or replace weather stripping around doors
3. Install storm doors and windows if you have them
4. Seal foundation holes

### Stop Leaks

1. Check and clean the gutters
2. Inspect and fix loose roof shingles or leaks

### Insulate

1. Add attic insulation if needed
2. Place an insulation blanket around the water heater
3. Install heat tape on pipes if necessary

### Clean Up the Yard

1. Put away outdoor furniture and grills
2. Drain and put away garden hoses
3. Close and cover the swimming pool
4. Shut off the outside water



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### Keep Up With the Weather

1. Clear snow, mud and puddles from walkways and driveways
2. Place evergreen boughs or seasonal flowers in pots near the entrance
3. Light up a specimen tree with a spotlight
4. Show off decks, patios, gardens and walkways with accent lights
5. Install timers or light sensors to turn indoor and outdoor lights on and off automatically

### Create A Warm Interior

1. Instead of plastic window coverings, add heavier drapes or insulated shades to block drafts
2. Set the temperature at a comfortable level during showings
3. Insert warm accent colors such as red or gold throws and pillows to cozy up any room
4. Turn on lamps and overhead lights
5. Add can lights in the corners to brighten up those dark days



A warm fire and a well lit home will create an inviting atmosphere.

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