



## Five Tips to Winterize a House from Modernize.com

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*Homeowners can avoid costly repairs with simple steps*

**Foster City, CA - October 13, 2020** - Winter is coming - is your audience's home ready? If not, [Modernize.com](https://www.modernize.com), a leader in the home improvement and services industry, has five steps to winterize a home. If this winter is anything like the rest of 2020, it's best to prepare now. Homeowners that aren't skilled in certain areas can always hire a contractor to avoid bigger costs in the long run.

### Five Ways to Avoid Getting Stuck in the Cold

1. **Furnace inspection** - change the air filter and schedule a professional inspection; the HVAC needs a once-over to avoid the [cost of a new furnace replacement](#)
2. **Windows and doors** - consider switching out screens for storm windows, check the frames for gaps and fill any with caulk or weather stripping to prevent heat loss
3. **Clean out the gutters** - remove debris to reduce the risk of ice dams or water damage; while on the ladder, try to inspect the roof or hire someone (it's cheaper than a leak)
4. **Hose and sprinkler management** - for homeowners that live in colder climates, it's best to disconnect hoses for the winter season and add a hose bib insulator; remember to blow out the sprinkler system too
5. **Switch the ceiling fans to rotate clockwise** - this produces a gentle updraft to force the warm air down; keeping a fan on low and running it clockwise allows owners to turn the heat down a few degrees to help with utility bills
6. **Bonus tip** - invest in heavier curtains to help keep additional heat inside

To read more tips visit [Be Ready for Winter with These Home Winterization Tips](#)

Gregg Hicks, the vice president of Modernize.com is available to talk about more winterization tips such as ways to avoid the [cost of a new heat pump](#). Hicks is a home improvement expert with more than 20 years of industry experience who has worked closely with contractors. He is knowledgeable on a wide range of home service trades from window replacement to HVAC, roofing, and more.

### About Modernize.com

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