



Keeping your
home safe
this Winter



Are you ready?

Preparing for winter can make a huge difference to both your comfort and finances. And it doesn't have to be hard work. Simply follow our ten checks for a trouble-free winter and you'll be equipped to stay cosy, warm and dry whatever the weather.

10 checks for a 'trouble-free' winter

- Guttering and drains**

Clearing out any leaves and debris that could cause a blockage ensures that rain and melting snow will be able to flow away from your home. If you have to climb a ladder, make sure there's someone to hold it steady.
- The roof and exterior walls**

Check the roof from ground level for any potential problem signs like loose or missing tiles. Then examine exterior walls for cracked, loose or missing pointing or rendering. If you find any, have it repaired before water can get in.
- The boiler and radiators**

Bleeding radiators is one of the easiest ways to improve the efficiency of your heating. It's also a good idea to have your boiler serviced by a registered engineer to ensure it is ready for its busiest time of the year.
- Chimneys**

If you use an open or wood burning fire, then you should have the chimney and flues swept every year. This will clear the potentially dangerous build-up of soot and any obstructions that may have occurred over the warmer months.
- Windows and doors**

Faulty seals around windows and doors allow warm air to escape and cold air to get in. Blocking these draughts can make a big difference, while using a draught excluder at the bottom of doors is also an effective measure.



Insulation

As heat rises it's a good idea to check the loft to see whether you need to add further insulation. Also, lagging pipes and water tanks will prevent heat escaping and reduce the risk of damaging ice forming.

Locks on doors, windows and gates

Check all locks are secure and in good working order to prevent gates from swinging open and causing damage in blustery weather. Applying a drop of oil will help to stop hinges and bolts from seizing too.

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

You should check all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms every six months to make sure they are functioning correctly and not low on battery power. It's a quick job that will give you lasting peace of mind.

Are you well stocked?

Most power cuts happen in winter. So, in the event of one occurring in the dark, having a torch, candles and matches in an easy-to-reach place will make it so much easier to deal with.

Do you know who to contact in case of emergency?

Having all your useful numbers together in one place means you won't have to go looking for them in an emergency.



Fill in your details below and bring them into your local branch. Our team will offer you a no-obligations insurance review.

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other
 Surname
 Address

 Postcode Date of Birth
 Tel
 Email
 Telephone daytime (9am - 5pm)
 Mobile

Are you an existing customer of Marsden Building Society?
 Yes No Account number

Best contact time
 Morning Afternoon Evening Saturday

Please tick as appropriate

Type of property
 Detached Bungalow Bungalow Flat
 Detached Semi-Detached Terraced
 End Terraced

Number of bedrooms
 1 2 3 4 5 6+

Age of property
 Pre 1700 1700-1840 1841-1919 1920-1945
 1946-1979 1980-1995 Post 1996

Do you require accidental damage?
 Yes No

Type of policy
 Buildings & Contents Contents Buildings Landlord

Your expiry date
 Current provider

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