



One Stop Shop News



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Preparing for Winter with One Stop Home Repair

Now that autumn has settled, it's time to make sure your home is ready for the winter. Windows and doors should be in good repair and shouldn't allow heat to escape. Your heating system should be cleaned annually. Any outdoor equipment should be properly stored to prolong its life and your lawn should be pruned. The roof and gutters should be inspected. One Stop Home Repair's Handyman Division is prepared to help you winterize your home, give the office a call to schedule an appointment.

Windows and doors are usually where the most heat loss occurs. To minimize heat loss, check that the weatherstripping around your window and door frames are in good repair. At the same time, check for rot, decay, cracks and gaps as they can affect structural stability of your windows and door frames. Replace or repair any damaged window and door frames immediately.

If you can feel a draft in your fireplace even though the damper is closed, it usually means the damper is warped, worn or rusted and could be sucking heat out of your home. It should be replaced. After you know your fireplace is secure, clean your firebox and flue system to ensure they are free of soot or creosote so they don't catch fire. Have you cleaned your chimney this season? Then consider replacing your older thermostat with a programmable one to save on heating costs. It's not too late to install a heat pump and save even more. Don't forget to check your smoke alarms. Lastly, examine exposed attic ducts, basement, and all crawl spaces, and use a sealant to close any leaks.

How does your yard look? Your outdoor furniture and garden hose should be stored in a shed or garage to protect against the elements. Check your deck for splintering or decay and insect damage and repair any damage immediately to prevent further deterioration over the winter. Also, sweep between deck boards to remove dirt and pine needles to prevent the growth of mold and mildew. If there are any overgrown branches against your gutters, shingles or electrical wires, they should be trimmed to prevent excess ice buildup, property damage or electrical outages.

Have your roof inspected for damage or warped shingles and replace them before the damage turns into a leak. Check for worn flashing around the chimney walls, skylights and vent pipes. Seal joints where water could penetrate. Make sure your gutters and downspouts are not loose or sagging. Cover all vents and openings to prevent insects, birds and rodents from getting inside. Lastly, clean gutters and yard of any debris.

Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth pound of cure. Call One Stop Home Repair today to have our knowledgeable handyman inspect your home. Any damages or recommendations he may have, he can complete immediately if desired. "Where One Call Does it All!" 866-5690

Meet the Crew – Trey Feyler

Trey Feyler has been a valuable part of our One Stop Home Repair teams since 2012. He has lived in Orono for the last 2 years. He wanted to work at One Stop to learn a skill that he could use through out his lifetime.



Trey specializes in painting, tiling and landscaping. He can be found working with the crew as a second set of hands, usually assisting with carpentry. He studied Culinary Arts at Southern Maine Community College and has gained much knowledge of home repair through work experience.

Trey gets excited about learning new skills and seeing the customers response to his work.

In his spare time, Trey enjoys cooking, traveling and sailing.



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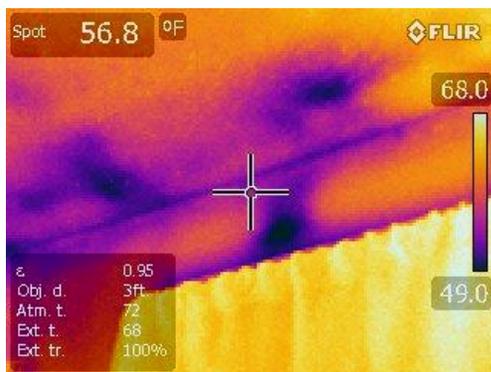


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Photo of the Month



A thermal image is a great tool to show where your home has sustained water and rodent damage.

Did You Know?

The month of October is not mentioned in any of William Shakespeare's plays.

The Anglo-Saxons called October, "Winterfylleth" or "Winterfilth" according to Tolkien's hobbits. It term means the fullness of winter.

October Checklist

- Inspect your house siding for any damage and have it repaired before winter hits.
- Make sure you test your smoke alarms and replace their batteries.
- To prevent damage to your home during winter storms cut any branches that have grown close to your home.
- Clean and all store your outdoor furniture to make it last longer.
- Sweep and/or wash your deck.
- Clean gutters regularly throughout the fall.