

One Stop Shop News



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Is Your Home Ready for the Winter?

“Maine is a joy in the summer. But the soul of Maine is apparent in the winter.”* This is true of Maine citizens, we are always ready to hunker down and face the winter head on. Our homes, on the other hand, need more preparation than that. Call One Stop Home Repair today for help winterizing your home.

If ignored, blocked gutters will cause many ice problems. Autumn always requires extra attention to gutters to ensure there aren't any blockages or broken or damaged spots. You should ensure your gutters are flush with your roof and attached securely. Repair any areas that sag or where water collects and overflows. Make sure downspouts are directed away from your house. To save time and the headache of cleaning out gutters consider installing gutter guards to block debris but allow water flow.

Although heating costs are falling some, One Stop Home Repair recommends that a home be tight and energy efficient. Energy efficiency begins with good insulation and ends with properly sealed windows and good heat management. Drafty windows can be in good condition but lacking insulation between the rough opening and window. Adding insulation to windows is a simple process that requires temporarily removing the trim and pushing insulation between gaps and then reattaching the trim. Before running your heating system full-time, have some preventative maintenance to avoid a catastrophe later on, when experts are overbooked with emergency calls. Start by cleaning and/or replacing filters as needed and hire a heating system inspector to ensure your system is ready to for the winter work load. If you burn wood, One Stop Home Repair recommends hiring a professional to inspect and clean your fireplace and stove to prevent chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisoning. If you don't use your fireplace often, it's still a good idea to keep a stash of dry firewood handy for use during an emergency.

Talking about emergencies, remember last year? Thousands of Mainers were without electricity due to ice and harsh winter weather. When your lights go out, you don't have to get caught in the dark. Your home doesn't have to be at risk. A stand-by generator is an investment that will ensure that your home stay lit, safe and warm during a power outage.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Call One Stop Home Repair to gain peace of mind that your home is ready for the winter.



Meet the Crew
Mark Boyd

One Stop Home Repair is excited to introduce our newest employee, Estimator and Lead Carpenter, Mark Boyd. He has been working for team since August.

When Mark was 16 years old, he began working for a cabinet maker. Later on, he moved on to other construction aspects. He brings 25 years of experience. One Stop Home Repair's stability and growth attracted Mark desire to work here.

Mark's specialties are installing doors and windows, and quality finish carpentry. Mark is typically working on estimates and doing finish carpentry.

Mark most enjoys making customers happy and building the trust of his coworkers. He is eager to help One Stop Home Repair continue to grow.



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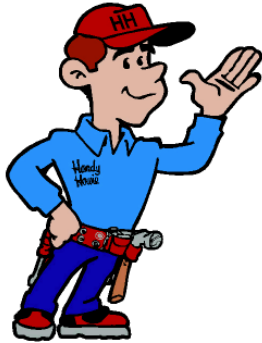
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IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR WINTER



Photo of the Month



One Stop Home Repair constructed this deck on a brand-new mobile home. It's mounted securely without voiding the mobile home's warranty.

November Checklist

- [] Avoid the cold, don't wait until December to put up your holiday lights.
- [] Caulk around window and door frames where needed.

Ask Handy Howie

What are my options to save on heating costs?

1. During the day, let the sunlight help heat your by opening south-facing curtains. Then close them at night to reduce the chill that may emanate off the windows.
2. Cover drafty windows with heavy plastic to avoid air leaks. Make sure the seal tight around each window.
3. Install a programmable thermostat to regulate your home's temperature in accordance with your schedule.
4. Unless you have a fire going, keep your fireplace damper closed. An open damper causes as much heat loss as an open window.
5. To reduce decorating costs, use LED holiday lights during the holiday season.
6. Run a heat pump in conjunction with your furnace.



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