



## WINTER-PROOF YOUR CAPE MAY COUNTY HOME: HVAC & PLUMBING CHECKLIST FOR SNOWBIRDS

Leaving for the winter? Don't leave your home at risk. Use this simple checklist to protect your plumbing and HVAC systems before you head south.

### BEFORE YOU GO HVAC CHECKLIST:

- ☐ **Adjust Your Thermostat**  
Set your thermostat to 55–60°F to prevent freezing pipes and save on energy costs.
- ☐ **Schedule a System Check**  
Have your heating system inspected to ensure it's ready to run safely and efficiently while you're away.
- ☐ **Change Your Air Filter**  
A clean filter keeps your system running smoothly and prevents breakdowns.
- ☐ **Install a Smart Thermostat** *(optional but highly recommended)*  
Control your HVAC system remotely and get alerts if temperatures drop unexpectedly.
- ☐ **Seal Drafts**  
Check for leaks around windows and doors to keep cold air out and prevent overworking your system.

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## BEFORE YOU GO PLUMBING CHECKLIST:



### Shut Off Your Water Supply

Prevent major leaks and burst pipes by turning off the main water line before leaving.



### Drain Your Pipes *(if water is shut off)*

Flush toilets, open faucets, and drain any standing water in your lines to avoid freezing.



### Add RV Antifreeze to Drains *(optional)*

Pour antifreeze into toilets and sink traps to prevent freezing in unheated spaces.



### Check Your Sump Pump

If you have a sump pump, make sure it's working in case of unexpected rain or snowmelt.



### Install a Leak Detector

Smart water sensors to alert you to leaks or pipe bursts (even when you're 1,000 miles away).



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