

# WINTER PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Winter can be a harsh season, especially if you live in an area with extreme weather conditions. Here is a checklist of 10 things you can do to prepare for winter:

- Insulate your home:** Make sure your home is well-insulated to keep the heat inside and the cold air outside. Check windows, doors, and walls for any leaks or drafts.
- Check your heating system:** Before winter arrives, have your heating system inspected by a professional. This will ensure that it is in good working condition and will keep you warm all winter long.
- Stock up on supplies:** Make sure you have enough supplies to last you through any winter storms or power outages. This includes food, water, batteries, and any necessary medications.
- Prepare your car:** Check your car's tires, brakes, and antifreeze levels. It's also a good idea to keep an emergency kit in your car in case you get stranded.
- Protect your pipes:** To prevent your pipes from freezing, insulate them and keep your home at a consistent temperature.
- Clear your gutters:** Clean your gutters to prevent ice dams from forming. Ice dams can damage your roof and cause leaks in your home.
- Trim trees and bushes:** Trim any trees or bushes that are close to your home to prevent them from falling on your house during a winter storm.
- Stock up on firewood:** If you have a fireplace or wood stove, make sure you have enough firewood to last you through the winter.
- Protect your pets:** Pets can get cold and suffer from hypothermia just like humans. Make sure they have a warm place to sleep and plenty of food and water.
- Stay informed:** Keep up-to-date with the latest weather forecasts and emergency alerts. This will help you prepare for any winter storms that may be headed your way.

**"Stay cozy and warm this winter season!"**

# PAINTING SUPPLIES

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- Basin or bucket of water
- Cellulose Sponge
- Mild Dishwashing Liquid
- Sponge Roller  
You may want one with a retractable or attachable handle for ceilings or high walls
- Wall Paintbrush
- Sash or Trim Paintbrush
- Cans of Paint(s) in the color(s) of your choice
- Roller Tray
- Blue Painter's Tape
- Plastic sheeting to cover the floors
- Tarps or old bedsheets to cover any furniture
- Appropriate Paint Thinner if using non-latex paint
- Primer
- Disposable gloves, Clothes you can paint in
- Respirator Mask(must have)
- Ladder

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**Materials are everything when it comes to painting**

# PAINTING YOUR WALLS: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

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- Prep your Roller Dampen roller in water or ;appropriate thinner (for non-latex paint)
- . Squeeze out excess liquid by rolling on kraft paper or a grocery bag.
- Open cans of paint and mix with wooden mixer.
- Pour paint into well of roller tray until half full ;Set roller in the middle of tray well.
- Roll roller back and forth up the tray slope, stopping just short of the well Ensure the roller absorbs paint fully.

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Prep the Room Cover the floor with plastic sheeting.

Move as much furniture or belongings out of the room as you can.

Arrange remaining ;furniture ;in the middle of the room, where it will be safer from any paint splatter.

Cover any remaining furniture with tarps or old bedsheets.

Tape edges with blue painter's tape Put tape where the wall meets the door and window frames and any moldings.

Prepare a bowl with water and dishwashing liquid. Soak sponge in the liquid, and remove any rust, dirt, stains or grease spots from the walls. Rinse sponge in clean water and gently wipe walls free of any soap residue.

Prime the walls with primer Primer will maximize sheen and give paint an overall even appearance.

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- Remove painter's tape before the wall dries to avoid removing any paint.



- Check for any uneven or missed spots, and touch up with your brush.



- Clean brushes and rollers with warm water (for latex paints).



- Make sure water runs clear before setting tools out to dry.



- Keep doors and windows open for proper fume ventilation.



- Remove floor sheeting and furniture covering only after the walls have dried completely.

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