

weatherizing homes

Take the time to prepare your home for winter weather each year. You'll be safer, and you may be able to conserve energy, saving money.

Maintaining Heaters + Heating Systems

Prevent fires and carbon monoxide buildup by keeping your heating system running efficiently and maintaining it properly.

- Have your system cleaned and serviced annually.
- When in doubt, shut it down. If a heater might not be working right, turn it off and call a repair company.
- Verify your boiler repair contractor's license. Use the License Search at nyc.gov/buildings. These contractors are usually licensed as Plumbers or Oil Burner Installers.
- Have your chimney inspected annually by a Home Improvement Contractor licensed by the Department of Consumer Affairs. This should be done before heating season to prevent chimney fires and carbon monoxide buildup.
- Anyone repairing a chimney must have a Home Improvement Contractor's license from the Department of Consumer Affairs. Visit nyc.gov/consumers to check a license.

BE SAFE: Only have licensed professionals repair your plumbing, chimney, or heating and electrical systems.

Protecting Your Roof From Leaks

- Clean gutters and roof drains to prevent clogs.
- Remove snow and ice from roofs and drains.

Keeping Pipes + Meters from Freezing

Pipes and meters can freeze when they're in unheated areas.

- Repair broken or cracked windows, doors and walls, and seal crawl spaces.
- Insulate outside walls, pipes and meters — and the outdoor cabinets that enclose them.
- Turn off water to outside faucets, remove hoses and drain the pipes.

Thawing a Frozen Pipe or Meter

Never use a flame to thaw a frozen pipe or meter — you can start a fire or cause a steam explosion.

- Thaw frozen areas carefully with a hair dryer, heat lamp or space heater.
- Open a faucet near the freeze to release vapors from melting ice.

Additional Resources

Call 911 for emergencies. Call 311 for information or assistance. Call your gas company to report a leak.

Con Edison (800) 75 - CONED or
(800) 752 - 6633
coned.com

Department of Consumer Affairs nyc.gov/consumers

Fire Department of New York nyc.gov/fdny

Long Island Power Authority (800) 490 - 0075
lipower.org

National Grid (formerly KeySpan) (718) 643 - 4050
nationalgridus.com
