

GOOD to KNOW

CLOSING UP YOUR CABIN FOR THE WINTER

It's that time of year when the air gets a bit colder, the days a bit shorter and many people prepare to close up their cabins for the winter. Here are a few handy tips to make sure your cabin is secure for the winter and ready to go when spring arrives:

Unplug any unnecessary electrical devices. You should also turn off the power supply to major appliances at the main panel.

Spend an afternoon inspecting. Take a walk around your property and check for anything that could pose a danger while you're away – look for trees close to power lines, damaged exterior lights and other issues that may need fixing.

Store extension cords in sealed containers. Remember to check cords for damage before using them again in the spring.

Turn off your main water supply and drain your pipes to prevent them from freezing and bursting. Do the same with your hot water heater, making sure to turn off power before you drain it to avoid damaging the heating element. Don't forget to double check that pipes are fully drained by turning on any faucet.

Leave the door to your refrigerator and freezer open to avoid unpleasant odors in the spring.

Ensure windows are fully closed. Check on your property after storms. If you, or a neighbour, are able to access your cabin, do a quick check after storms to ensure there was no damage to the roof, windows or structure.

NEVER CUT TREES NEAR POWER LINES!

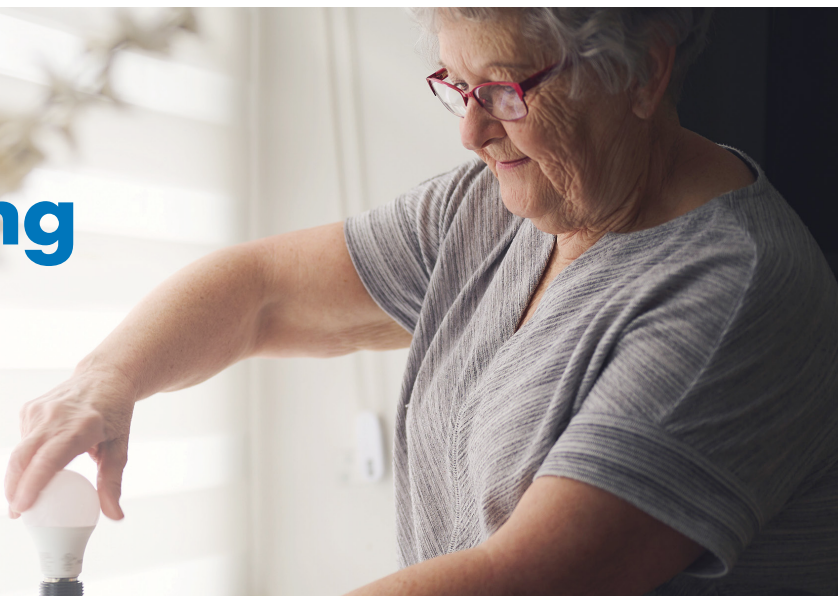
If you're cutting firewood or trimming trees, remember these can be dangerous activities with serious safety risks – especially if you're near a power line. Stay safe with these tips:

- Check for overhead power lines before you start working.
- Maintain a safe distance - never cut a tree within 10 metres of a power line.
- Keep in mind the height and shape of the tree, wind conditions and the direction it will fall once cut.

If you see a tree that has fallen on a power line, please report it to us 24/7 at 1-888-737-1296.



Energy Saving Checklist for Your Home



Every checkmark makes your home cozier and more energy efficient. Start saving energy (and money) today!

Take a look around your home and complete this checklist to see all the ways you can save energy!

all over the house

- ☐ I use ENERGY STAR® LED light bulbs* wherever I can (and turn them off when I leave the room).
- ☐ I've draft-proofed* my windows and doors.
- ☐ I use outlet and switch insulators* on exterior walls.
- ☐ I wash my clothes in cold water, and dry them on a clothesline when possible.
- ☐ I keep doors closed, and turn down heat in rooms I don't use often.
- ☐ I've set my computer to sleep mode after 5-15 minutes of inactivity.
- ☐ I've made air sealing* improvements to my home.



basement

- ☐ I've added insulation* to the walls.
- ☐ I don't have an old, empty second fridge wasting energy.
- ☐ I have an energy-efficient HRV* (and I clean its filters regularly).
- ☐ I've insulated exposed ducts* in unheated areas.



attic

- ☐ I've topped up my attic insulation* to R50-55 levels.
- ☐ I've sealed up my attic hatch.

bathroom

- ☐ I've installed a high performance showerhead.*
- ☐ I take quick showers instead of baths.
- ☐ I don't have any leaky faucets.



living/family rooms

- ☐ I use smart power strips to avoid standby power.
- ☐ I open curtains in the day to warm my home, and close them at night.

kitchen

- ☐ I use ENERGY STAR® appliances.
- ☐ I only wash full loads in the dishwasher.
- ☐ I unplug small appliances.
- ☐ I use the microwave instead of always heating in the oven.
- ☐ I match the size of my pots to the burner size.



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