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## Chill in the Air

Winter weather will soon be here. There are a number of steps you can take now to prepare your home for the cold months ahead. Following these steps can help you save money, stay warm and comfortable, and keep your home more energy efficient.

- Check the filters on your furnace. We recommend replacing them once a month during the season in which the furnace is used most. If you have a reusable filter, take it outside and shake the dust off or spray it with the water hose, if applicable.
- Turn on your furnace NOW and ensure it is working properly before it gets too cold. Sometimes the furnace may emit odors briefly when you first turn it on. Don't be alarmed, unless it persists, in which case you should shut down the furnace and call a professional.
- We recommend having a professional inspect, clean, and tune your furnace annually.
- Inspect your fireplace. If there appears to be a build-up of soot and creosote, or if the chimney hasn't been cleaned in a while, call a chimney sweep. Also, make sure the damper is working properly and that the chimney is structurally sound and solid.
- Replace your window screens with storm windows if you have them. The milder temperatures of fall make this a good time to clean them outside.
- Drain all your garden hoses and air conditioning pipes, and close the water shut-off valve if your AC system has one. Also, but sure you know where your main water valve is located, in case your pipes freeze this winter.
- Check to see that you haven't closed or blocked radiators or baseboard heaters. This is key to an efficient heating system and cuts the risk of fire.
- Don't neglect your home's smoke detectors! Ensure they are working properly. Change the batteries, if necessary. Fire officials recommend that detectors be replaced after 10 years.
- Check your ducts to ensure they're properly sealed and be sure to insulate ducts and water pipes that go through unheated spaces.
- Consider hanging drapes, even if you already have blinds on your windows. They add a layer of insulation.
- Change the direction that your fan blades spin. Most manufacturers advise homeowners to set their fan blades to spin counterclockwise in summer (blades force air down into the room, creating a cool breeze) and clockwise in the winter (creates a subtle updraft, sending warm air up and around the room which helps you feel warmer).



## Idaho Falls Fiber Update

### *Sign Up for Fiber NOW Before It Freezes!*

Dozens of new areas have been opened for fiber connectivity throughout the city. Some of these areas are still in the infrastructure buildout process and may require a fiber pre-install appointment.

What is a fiber preinstall? To get your home prepared for fiber, our crews will install conduit on the property. That's the buried pipe the fiber-optic cable will later run through. The impact our pre-install crews make on your yard is minimal and they are committed to restoring your property and the work site back to original condition.

After the preinstall, our crews will return to run the fiber line through the conduit and hook everything up once infrastructure buildout has been completed in your neighborhood. You will then be able to enjoy all the benefits of fiber internet.

Schedule your fiber pre-install appointment as soon as possible because once the ground freezes, our crews will not be able to dig to bury the conduit. By placing the

conduit during the pre-install NOW, before cold weather sets in, we can install your fiber once your area has been lit and is ready, no matter the weather or time of year. If you don't sign up for pre-installation within the next couple of months, we won't be able to install it until spring. Winter can be long in Idaho, and we don't want you to go through it without good internet!

Idaho Falls Fiber offers transfer speeds up to one (1) gigabit down AND up with NO data limits. It's a dedicated fiber line to your home, so there's no sharing to slow it down like with copper cable internet. Here are some of the other reasons to consider connecting to the network:

- Super low prices for 250Mbps and 1Gbps service
- No contracts
- No installation costs
- No hidden or added fees or surcharges
- 6 residential and 9 business internet service providers (ISPs) to choose from.



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