

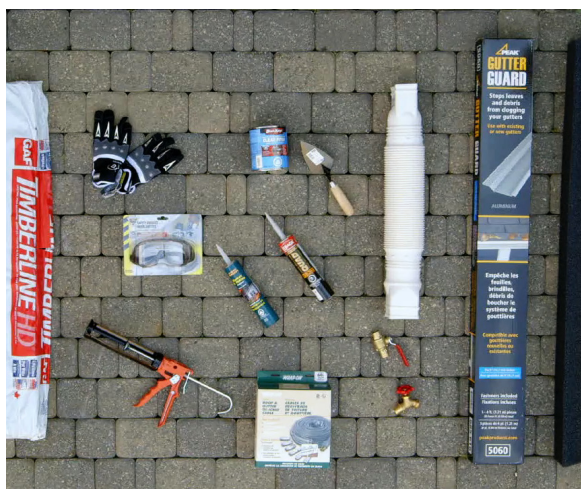


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HOW TO PREP YOUR HOME FOR WINTER: EXTERIOR



Canadian winters can be severe and it's important to make sure your home is winter-ready well before the first frost. Here are a few simple things you can do outside to prevent winter damage.



TOOLS

- Caulking Gun
- Goggles
- Gloves

MATERIALS

- Roof De-Icing Cables
- Caulking
- Frost-Proof Faucet
- Roof Glue
- Shingles
- Sealant
- Gutterstuff
- Gutterguard
- Downspout



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STEP 1

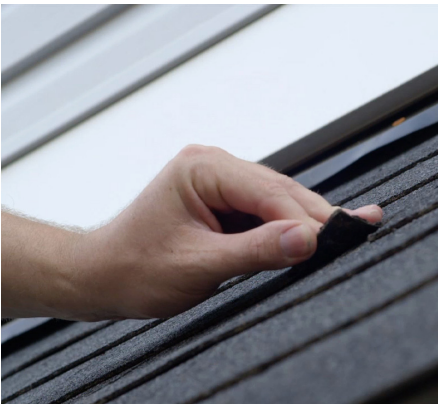
INSTALL HEATING CABLES



Roof heating cables will help you avoid long-term damage caused by freezing and ice build-up. Before installing the cables make sure your eaves-troughs and roof have been cleaned thoroughly. Affix roof cable clips to your roof in a zigzag pattern. Finally, attach and secure your heating cable to the clips.

STEP 2

REPAIR LOOSE SHINGLES



Apply roof repair glue to any loose shingles in order to help avoid leaks or damage. The Home Depot has a full selection of roof adhesives to choose from.



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STEP 3

PREP EAVESTROUGHS



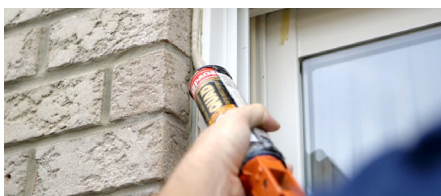
Prep your eavestroughs and downspouts by sealing any cracks with a silicone sealant and installing a filter to prevent leaves from clogging.

STEP 4

CAULK WINDOWS AND DOORS



If you notice gaps that are wider than the width of a nickel between your siding and window or door frames, **reapply exterior caulking** to seal the gaps. Use your finger or a wet caulk-smoothing tool within 2 to 5 minutes of application to smooth your caulk seal.





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STEP 5

TURN OFF FAUCETS



Turn off all exterior faucets and drain water from outdoor pipes, valves and sprinkler heads to prevent pipe bursts. If your home is 10-years or older, consider installing frost-proof faucets, available at The Home Depot.



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