



Winterize Your Texas High-Rise: 8-Step Checklist

Prepare your high-rise community for the next Texas winter in 8 simple steps:

Test and maintain your heating system.

Before it gets too cold, test your heating system. Call a professional to repair any problems if necessary.

Clean gutters and downspouts.

Debris is more likely to get stuck in gutters and downspouts in the fall, and the trapped moisture can damage your building's foundation. Keep your building's drainage system clear.

Check your building's plumbing.

Add insulation to the pipes to keep them from freezing, breaking, and leaking. This goes for both older and newer buildings!

Check your building's smoke detectors.

Make sure all smoke detectors are working and installed in the right places. They should be replaced every 10 years.

Check windows and doors.

Consider replacing damaged windows and doors with more energy-efficient options. Add sealant around them to ensure no cold air seeps in.

Inspect your roof.

If you see damage like leaks, cracks, and signs of mold or water stains on your building's roof, call a professional immediately. Heavy snow can cause the roof to cave in if it's faulty!

Establish an emergency action plan.

Prepare and communicate your association's emergency plan to all residents. The plan should include a list of emergency contacts, supplies, and safety procedures.

Add insulation, reduce energy costs.

Adding insulation to the walls, attic, and crawl spaces will keep the building warm, residents happy, and will save up to 20% on heating costs.