## Did You Know...

## HOW TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A SNOWY WINTER

According to the Farmer's Almanac, this year's winter will be colder and snowier across Canada than usual. So, whether you love the picturesque landscape, or dread the oncoming days, preparing now is the best way to ensure you make the most out of winter.

## Heat up your home

We can all appreciate the importance of staying warm, and winter proofing your home early is the easiest way to keep cozy this season. Start by adding or replacing weather stripping on windows and doors where you feel drafts coming through. Have a professional clean and inspect your fireplace, chimney and heating systems, and don't forget to change your furnace filter. Have an older thermostat? Consider swapping it with a programmable one is a great way to save money on heating costs as it allows you to pre-set your temperature preference and even adjust it remotely.

## Prepare for snow removal

Do an audit of removal supplies from the previous winter and see if anything needs to be replaced. Ensure you have plenty of salt or sand on hand for the first big snow. If you have a snow blower, ensure it is working properly. Check your user's guide and follow the maintenance instructions before use.



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