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**Dear Friend,**

Each month, BOWA Home Advisor provides you with important tips on how to improve and protect your home's value. We hope the following is helpful.



### **Is your home ready for a snowstorm?**

Winter storms can be dangerous and damaging if you are unprepared. With a long, cold winter ahead of us consider the following tips to ensure the safety of your home and family.

- Bring any outdoor furniture inside (unless it is extremely durable). You can store it in your garage, basement or storage shed.
- Remove any outdoor items that can be blown around by the wind and may possibly damage your house.
- Consider whether any dead trees might be a hazard to your house if they were to fall. You may want to have them removed by a professional tree service.
- Make sure that you have flashlights, with extra batteries, and candles to provide light during a power failure.
- Have a battery-operated radio in the house.
- Keep food in the house that you can prepare without electricity. Note that your needs will vary depending on the type of appliances you have (gas or electric).
- Keep some extra bottles of drinking water on hand.
- If you have a well with an electric pump, prepare some tubs of water for cleaning and toilet flushing.
- Stock up on sand for dealing with slippery driveways and sidewalks.
- Make sure that you have good snow shovels ready.
- Arrange in advance for snow-plowing service - it is very difficult to book a snow-plowing service the day after a big snowstorm.
- Keep a space heater and fuel in the garage if you live in a particularly cold area - especially if you have electrical heat in the house.
- If you have a tank where you store fuel (i.e. propane or oil) check to make sure you have a sufficient supply before the storm arrives.

If you would like more information on this topic or if there are other ways we can be of service, please contact [BOWA Builders](#).

Regards.



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